Soviet Union sends message to Arafat

TUNIS (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has received an "important" message from the Soviet leadership, the Palestinian news agency WAFA said Tuesday. The contents of the message, handed to Mr. Arafat by the Soviet umbassador in Tunis, were not revealed. The Soviet Union is co-sponsoring the Middle East peace conference which the United States is trying to organise for later this month. WAFA said the PLO leader and the Soviet diplomat discussed latest developments regarding Palestinian and Middle East problems. They also examined the results of the Palestine National Council (PNC) which met in Algiers last week and debated its position regarding the peace conference. After conferring with Turnsian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, Mr. Azafat said the PNC had opted for peace but rejected Israeli conditions. He said the PNC "expressed its attachment to peace" but rejected the installation of Jewish settlements in the Israeli occupied territories. It wanted "a Palestinian peace and not capitulation as desired by Israel," he said.

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جوردان تابعر يومية سياسية تصدر بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية والرايء

Sharaa addresses General Assembly

UNITED NATIONS (R) - Syria said Tuesday repeal of a 1975 U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism required Israel to stop occupying Arab territory and to give Palestinians the right to self-determination. "The United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism was adopted as a result of Israeli occupation of the Arab territories and its continuous violation and discrimination against the Arabs in all walks of life," Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa said in a speech to the General Assembly. The call for repealing this resolution requires, a priori, eliminating the substantial causes which prompted the United Nations to adopt this resolution: That is, to terminate the Israeli occupation of Arab lands and enable the Palestinian people to enjoy their right to self-determination." Mr. Sharaa was alluding to calls by a large number of speakers in the assembly during the pest week, including U.S. President George Bush and Soviet Foreign Minister Boris Pankin, for the Zionism-equals-racism resolution to be repealed.

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NICOSIA (R) - A new round of talks between the government and Kurdish guerrilla leaders on autonomy for Iraq's 3.5 million Knrds will start in Baghdad soon, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Tuesday. It quoted the daily newspaper Babel, owned by President Saddam Hussein's eldest son Uday, as saying the talks would resume to put the "final touches" on a draft autonomy dial worked out in August after four months of negotiations. INA gave no other details. The Kurin going draft. Its opponents, led by Jalal Talabani of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, say it is not generous enough on the borders of an autonomous Kurdish region and on guarantees that Iraq as a whole will have a democratic system of government. Its advocates, led by Massoud Barzani of the Kurdish Democratic Party, say it is the best deal on offer. The Kurds opened autonomy talks with the government in April after a Knrdish rebellioo collapsed and two million Knrds fled into the mountains on the borders with Iran and Turkey.

Saudis make oil gift to Turkey

ANKARA (AP) — Saudi Arabia
lists pledged \$1 billion of free oil
help Turkey modernise its military, a Turkish official said Tuesday. Kaya Toperi, a spokesman for President Turgut Ozal, said Saudi King Fahd had sent a message to Mr. Ozal, informing him of the Saudi government's decision. The oil would be a gift. Mr. Toperi said, adding it would be a part of a fund to be raised by some Gulf countries, the United States and Turkey. A foreign ministry official said Kuwait and also pledged to contribute to the fund which had been set up durmg the Gulf crisis. Turkey severed Iraq's oil exports by shut-ting a pipeline after its invasion of Kuwait in August last year. In the Gulf war, it allowed U.S. bombers to attack Iraq from a Turkish base. As part of an aid package organised by Gulf countries and the West to offset Turkey's economic losses, Saudi Arabia has already given Turkey \$1.1 billioo worth of oil.

Argentine president disits israei

TEL AVIV (R) - Argentine leader Carlos Menem arrived in -Israel Tuesday for the first visit by a South American president. Israel said the three-day visit was a chance to reinforce ties in agriculture and trade. Mr. Menem. whose country has Latin America's biggest Jewish community and is himself of Syrian descent, has frequently offered to mediate in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Press reports said this and his historically warm ties with Syria suggested U.S. efforts to convene a Middle East peace conference and the cause of Syrian Jewry might also be on the agenda.

First direct emigre flight turned back

TEL AVIV (AP) — The first direct flight carrying Soviet Jew-ish immigrants to Israel was 15 July 2-1 forced to return to Moscow on esday because the airline's operators failed to secure clearance to fly over Turkey. The flight is being rim by Aerolicht, a subsidiary of the Soviet national airline Aeroflot, and had been due to land at Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv at about 4 p.m. (1400 GMT).

Soldiers retake Togo television

LOME (R) — Renegade soldiers retook control of Togo's national radio station Tuesday after an earlier failed coup in which six to reight people were reported kil-led, witnesses said. No other details were immediately available. Earlier on Tuesday Togo's prime minister, Kokon Koffigoh, expealed for calm in the small West African state and said the soldiers who had seized the radio ad returned to the barracks and dider had been restored (see page

Baker expected back in Middle East soon

Israel to seek details of U.S. assurances to Arabs; Washington says no PLO dialogue

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel Mr. Pankin said at the United said Tuesday that U.S. Secretary Nations last week he hoped ties of State James Baker would rewith Israel would be reestabturn to the Jewish state soon for lished in October. more talks on a Middle East peace conference

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman said the date of Mr. Baker's arrival had not yet to the peac been established but that the visit Radio said. had been confirmed.

Press reports said the U.S. envoy was expected on his eighth regional peace shuttle by mid-October

The United States hopes to convene Arab-Israeli talks this month. Invitations are expected to be issued soon but no date or venue has been fixed.

Mr. Shamir told a cabinet meeting on Tuesday that Soviet Foreign Minister Boris Pankin would also arrive in the next few weeks to discuss renewing diplomatic ties with Israel ahead of a peace conference.

The Soviet Union severed relations with Israel after the 1967 war. It has renewed consular and other ties in recent years. Israel Radio quoted Mr. Sha-

mir as telling ministers that raising ties to full diplomatic status was condition for a Soviet role as

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime ment.
Minister Yitzhak Shamir tried to The

dampen speculation on Tuesday

that he favoured early elections.

that might short-circuit Middle

elections as planned for November 1992," Ehud Gol, Mr. Shamir's spokesman, told Reuters.

Sarah Doron, leader of Mr. Shamir's Likud Party, said Sun-

day that the party was ready to consider advancing elections be-cause small hardline factions

opposed to the proposed talks

might quit the government. Mr. Shamir's critics have long

suspected he would call elections

to avoid entering a peace conference which the United States,

Israel's guardian ally, wants to

convene this month. No date or

venue has been fixed bot

Washington says it hopes to issue

On Tuesday, Israel Radio said

Mr. Shamir opposed calling elec-tions because he feared the

opposition Labour Party might

manage to form a coalition if his

Labour has called for a par-

invitations soon.

on the radio report.

"He believes we should have

East peace talks.

Shamir cools speculation

of early Israeli election

Mr. Shamir also told the cabinet Tuesday he expected to hear from Mr. Baker what he has promised the Arabs to bring them to the peace conference, Israel

Shamir spokesman Ehud Gol refused to confirm or deny the radio report. Mr. Baker said last week he

was willing to return to the Middle East if necessary Mr. Baker has given Israel, the Arab states and the Palestinians documents outlining the Amer-

ican positions on the negotia-The Americans have said the assurances to the different parties would be made available to all before the start of the confer-

ence, and that no secret promises

were made. Still, unconfirmed reports have been circulating in Israel about various secret American promises to the Arabs, such as Washington backing complete Israel withdrawal from Syria's Golan

Briefing the cabinet on the a sponsor of the conference. peace process, Mr. Shamir said

The ultra-nationalist Tehiya,

Tsomet and Moledet parties,

whose seven seats assure Mr.

Sbamir's 66-54 parliamentary

majority, oppose Israel's con-

ditional agreement to U.S.-

sponsored peace talks and could

belp Labour topple Mr. Shamir in

faction would continue to support

government, there is a clear dan-ger the Labour Party will find a

ready ear with the religious par-ties," he told reporters.

mir then formed the most right-

wing government in Israel's his-

tory. - without more dovish

Leading Labour Party mem-

But Labour has said it would

back Mr. Shamir if hardline par-

bers accuse Mr. Shamir of trying

Labour.

government collapsed. to sabotage U.S. attempts to Mr. Gol, refused to comment arrange Arab-Israeli talks.

hamentary no-confidence vote ties in his coalition tried to torpe-

In March 1990, Israel's Likud-

If we quit and bring down this

a Likud-led government.

during Mr. Baker's next visit of all the assurances given to the Palestinians and Arab states, the radio said.

Two hardline ministers, Yuval Neeman and Rehavam Zeevi, again demanded that Israel pull out of the conference, the radio

Mr. Neeman reportedly said Washington bas adopted positions hostile to Israel and is no longer an bonest broker.

The United States has ruled out reopening a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) even though a hard-line PLO leader who caused trouble with Washington was removed from its Executive Com-

"Restoration of the U.S.-PLO dialogue is not an issue that we're addressing at this point," State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler told reporters. Ms. Tutwiler reiterated what

Mr. Baker said last week - that he plans to meet sooo with estinians on details related to their participation in the peace But she said a meeting had not

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EC renews warning

After Tuesday's cabinet meet-ing, however, Moledet leader Re-havam Zeevi said his two-man Labour coalition government fell over Mr. Shamir's refusal to aeeept U.S. proposals for Palestiman-Israeli talks. Mr. Sha-

"Obviously, any disappointment the EC may feel would make one less enthusiastic on going ahead on certain other " said J. Gwyn Morgan, head of the EC's delegation to

Press Association that two years of negotiations to send an EC representative to administer aid programmes in the occupied ter-ritories ran into difficulties this

"We had hoped to have an agreement in July, but at the last moment there were difficulties presented which prevented the EC from accepting the terms that our Israeli partners wanted to have for this person," Mr. Mor-

sisted on vetting projects.

sisted on full control. "We are." not prepared to change our basic principle of deciding ourselves, as we do in every country in the world where the EC gives aid," Mr. Morgan said. "We don't mind consulting, we don't mind taking advice. But we decided our projects ourselves."

The decision to send an EC administrator, who would have diplomatic status, was made by EC foreign ministers at a confercace in Dublin in 1989. The administrator is to help improve management of programmes for Palestinians that have grown from \$2.6 million in 1987 to more

The EC funds development projects in the occupied territories aimed at increasing exports. improving education and providing health services.

Mr. Morgan said talks were



Ben Bella urges Arab solidarity

AMMAN (J.T.) — Former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella, who is currently on a visit to Jordan, Tuesday called for Arab unity as the only alternative to counter challenges facing the Arab Nation,

In an interview with Jordan Television, Mr. Ben Bella stressed the importance of Arab unity and the need to prepare the Arab Nation "for the battle, not necessarily a military battle but a battle to achieve the unity, to enable them to deal with the new situations resulting from the emergeoce of ocw world

Mr. Ben Bella said the situation in the Arab region warranted efforts for Arah solidarity, given the current divisions among Arab ranks and peoples. He called for respect of

human rights and respect for the people themselves. Mr. Ben Bella said that political pluralism and democracy have become basic the proposed Arab-Israeli peace ence but would let them state their own case and support Israel refuses to talk to the PLO. them when necessary. Crown Prince Hassan, quoted by the Jordan News Agency Pet-

ra, said the Palestinians would put their own agenda and define their priorities. "At the conference, we shall help

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal

Highness Crown Prince Hassan

said Tuesday that Jordan would

not represent the Palestinians at

our Palestinian brethren in winning basic understanding of their agenda, but they will have to put their agenda and define their priorities," he told journalists attending an international

"We shall not discuss anything on behalf of any party but we will be ready to carry out our important role as a sovereign state and would back the Palestinian interests whenever we Washington, which is trying to organise the peace conference for later this month, suggested a joint Jordanian-Palestinain delegation as a way round Israel's refusal to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organisation

Crown Prince: Palestinians will

present own case at peace talks

The Corwn Prince welcomed the outcome of last week's meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC), which backed U.S.-Soviet efforts to convene the peace talks in October. The PNC did not commit Palesti-

nians to attend the talks. It left it up to the PLO to decide whether to accept Jordan's offer to let Palesti-nians join its delegation. The Crown Prince said the PNC

stand was proof that the Arab and Palestinian side would not be the party to be blamed by the world if the peace process faltered "even though there are vital issues such as Israeli settlements, Jerusalem and Palestinian right to self-determination that will be dwarfed at the talks."

Arabs, Prince Hassan said. He questioned the way the world looks at the Arab region, saying that it emanates from the fear of what is called extremism, terrorism or the desire to control oil resources and energy.

He said that world public opinion was ready to view this region from a perspective based on care for the Arab people. He criticised the double standards the world applies when dealing with Middle Eastern issues. Prince Hassan also said that Arab

writers, journalists and media representatives have a responsibility in explaining the ills of the Arab people, whether in Palestine, Iraq, Sudan or elsewhere. He said that this is the decade of inter-regional cooperation. Answering a question about con-vening a summit for the Arab states bordering Israel — namely, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and the Pales-

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recommendations is to re-

dace the deficit io the budget,

cut government expenditure

and increase reveoues," said

one of the sources. "Bot no

recommendation is binding

on the government, which

can exercise its own options

as long as the net objective is served," added the source,

who requested anonymity.

-According to diplomatic

sources, the very fact that the IMF and the World Bank had

come to the discussion in a

IMF, World Bank delegation holding talks with officials

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — An International Mooetary Fund (IMF) delegation Tuesday submitted to the government a set of specific recommendations to address the deficit in Jordan's fiscal budget and to further absorb an IMF-prescribed restructuring programme into the Kingdom's economic policies, informed sources

The recommendations, drawn up after three weeks of discussions between the government and the IMF delegation as well as a team representing the World Bank, are believed to inclode removal of subsidies on foodstuffs, municipal water and several other areas and an increase in utility charges, such as telephone and power supply, as well as some other measures to reduce government ex-

No official confirmation was available on the issue, but the sources told the Jordan Times that the government was expected to present its views oo the recommendations to the visiting delegations before Friday. "The main objective of the

joint delegation is indicative of the sympathetic approach

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Soviet military said to propose cutting forces by almost half

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet military unveiled plans Tuesday to cut the armed forces by almost a half from four million by 1994, the independent news agency In-

posbnikov wbco be told a Japanese newspaper this week that it would be from 3.7 million to three million men.

Colonel-General Grachev told. legislators the cuts would leave a Soviet force of between two million and two and half million

pendent on conscription, would start to become an all-volunteer

BETRUT (Agencies) — Lebanon

accused the United States on

Tuesday of punishing it over the

last week that although Lebanon'

could not accept the detention of

government deal with the country

"We told him that we feel that

this policy is a kind of punishment

to Lebanon and its people," Mr.

Karami told reporters at his

"It is a kind of blockade on

Lebanon when our army is not

allowed to be trained in Amer-

ica... and when the (U.S.)

doesn't hand as over weapons we

had paid for, doesn't reopen the

American consulate in Beirut...

doesn't allow American airlines

and citizens to come to Leba-

in a normal way.

Beirut office.

airlines.

The obbigatory term of military

report was immediately available from the Soviet Defence Minis-

Gen. Grachev said top priority should be given to creating a unified Soviet command with control over ouclear forces.

He criticised plans by some breakaway Soviet republics to set up their own armed forces, Interfax said.

parliamentary committees on 12 surviving Soviet republics.

service would be cut from two years to one in 1995 when it hoped that 45 to 50 per cent of the force would be volunteers.

conditions for servicemen of the Russian Federation, largest of the Soviet President Mikhail Gor-

Mr. Karami and Lebanese

President Elias Hrawi returned

home on Sunday after talks with

advisers to prepare a substantive response in a matter of days to

"concrete and corresponding in ble of the Soviet state.

President George Bush Friday, three-year accord, including free include the destruction of all U.S. movement of goods between the ground-launched tactical ouclear republics, was to be initialled missiles and the removal of nuclear cruise missiles from sub-

marines and warships. signed in the past decade reduced both sides' nuclear arsenals.

Mr. Gorbachev initially gave only a cautious welcome to the U.S. announcement and said it raised lots of questions.

initial stage. There are complica-

tions and counter complications.

Washington billed them as the the basis to pull the country out biggest step yet in reversing the of crisis without bloodshed, witharms race after a series of treaties out wars, be they small or large," Nazarbayev said.

> cial on the committee now running the Soviet economy, told believe this Alma-Ata agreement will go into history."

by the fractious republics to forge any kind of new union after an attempted coup in August threw the country into political and economic turmoil.

well for attempts to agree a separate union treaty favoured by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev which would bind the republics politically in a new.

But delegates from several repoblics expressed scepticism. Georgia's minister of material resources, Igor Chkheidze, said he would initial the agreement with

bodies. We cannot accept central

from the Ukraine, said serious questions remained and it was by no means certain that the parliament of his giant republic would

Full details of the agreement were not immediately released but officials said a key point was that only the republies, and no central Soviet authority, could

12 Soviet republics in economic

the sweeping U.S. ouclear arms ALMA-ATA (Agencies) — cut announced last week.

Leaders of the Soviet Union's 12 His spokesman Addrei remaining republics took their Grachev told a news conference first steps on Tuesday to build a the Soviet response would be new economic union on the rub-

The U.S cuts, announced by capital of Kazakhstan said a movement of goods between the

> nomic commonwealth gives us Kazakh Presideot Nursultao Grigory Yavlinsky, a key offi-

reporters: "What has happened today is a remarkable event I

reservations.

authority," he said. Vladimir Grinyov, a delegate

ratify the accord.

for next week although it alone do his government over Washingcannot bring down the govern- ton's efforts. Iraq clears helicopter flights for U.N. team

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — A team of U.N. ballistic weapons experts flew Tuesday to Baghdad ready to test out Iraq's willinguse of helicopters to scan the entire country for its weapons of

So far, U.N. inspectors tracking down Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and bal-listic missiles, have only been able to operate in the vicanity of Baghdad for lack of helicopters. The U.N. special Commission which oversees the process was expecting "diplomatic clearance"

the three German helicopters on standby in Turkey. "It's not a major problem," said the commission's regional office chief in Bahrain, Alastair Livingston. He said once the clearance came through, the helicorres would be in Iraq within

from Baghdad to allow into Iraq

the clowing 24 hours. The Iraqis, whose holdup of fired at Saudi Arabia. the helicopters sparked one of the major confrontations with Bagh-

dad in recent weeks over its failure to comply with Gulf war ceasefire demands by the Security Council, have insisted on a liaison ness to allow U.N. inspectors free officer flying with the U.N.

> Mr. Livingston said that was acceptable procedure, while Douglas England, an American who leads the 20-member ballistics team, said earlier that he welcomed Iraqi presence as a safety precaution for his men. Mr. England said he will use the helicopters to reach the dis-

tant Syrian borders and supervise Iragi destruction of the 28 Scud missile launchers they used to attack Israel during the Gulf war. He also intends to blow up one assembled and one still incomplete "supergun" halfway between Baghdad and Mosul, while

also planning to make several

surprise calls on undeclared Iraqu

sites that may still harbour the

long-range ballistics they also

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TEL AVIV (AP) - A stalemate

EC efforts to name a representative hit a snag in July, when Israeli officials insisted on having a say in selecting projects for European funding in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. At the same time, Israel is seek ing improved trade provisions in

European market unification.

Mr. Morgan told the Foreign

Israeli reports say Defence Minister Moshe Arens has in-

than \$13 million this year and

still under way with Israel on improving trade cooperation.

over the European Community's (EC) request to appoint an administrator for Palestinian aid programmes could hurt Israeli efforts to improve trade relations with Europe, an EC official warned

advance of the planned 1992

gan said.

Mr. Morgan said the EC in-

\$15.6 million in 1992.

professional force from oext, bachev has appointed a group of

terfax said. It said First Deputy Defence Minister Pavel Grachev gave the news to a committee of the Rus-

sian parliament. The proposed reduction reported by Interfax was more radical than that given by new Defence Minister Yevgeny Sha-

He said the military, now de-

Gen. Grachev said. No comment on the Interfax

He spoke to a joint session of

Lebanon says U.S. punishing it

seven-year-old Western hostage Mr. Bush, Arab and European crisis by withholding weapons, officials during an eight-day visit to the United Nations in New refusing to reopen its consulate York where Mr. Hrawi addressed and hlocking flights there by U.S. the General Assembly. Mr. Hrawi and his government Prime Minister Omar Karami said President George Bush told are seeking to restore normality to Lebanon by implementing the Lebanese leaders in New York

was not responsible for the hosbrokered plan to end 15 years of tage crisis the American people civil war. Mr. Karami quoted Mr. Bush as saying as long as the hostage crisis was unsolved it was hard to Americans there and have their improve relations with Lebanon. Five Americans are among up

1989 Taif accord, an Arab-

Lehanoo hy shadowy kidnap groups believed linked to the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) group. Hizbollah leader Abbas Musawi said Tuesday it might take "10 or 20 years" to complete a swap of the Western hostage and mis-

sing Israeli servicemen for Arabs

to nine Western captives held in

held by Israel.. "The issue of the hostages and the prisoners is heading towards a solution, but things are in the

conditions and counter conditions," Sheikh Musawi told a news conference. "It is a real battle and all the means of a real battle will be deployed in it until we manage to

years," he added. Sheikh Musawi said Hizbollah was not prepared yet to return "even one corpse" of a dead Israeli serviceman to the Jewish state, stressing that U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's prisoner-release

effort was still at the level of

close this file, even after 10 or 20

exchanging information. "The operation has not reached the stage of exchanging the (Israeli) prisoners. The issue is still within the framework of exchanging information. It hasn't reached a stage by which we find ourselves coovinced that we should return even one corpse to Israel," Sheikh Musawi said, shaking his fist for emphasis.

Bearded Hizbollah guards, armed with automatic pistols and

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union

Delegates meeting in this city,

later Tuesday.
The establishment of this eco-

The move is the first attempt

Mr. Nazarbayev said it boded looser union of sovereign states.

"We do not accept any central

ISTANBUL (AP) — Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I, spiring leader of the world's 300 million eastern Orthodox Christians, was

resting comfortably Tuesday following a severe heart attack, a hospital official said. The 76-year-old patriarch was stricker

Monday and taken to the American Bristol Hospital, where head

was placed in intensive care, said the official source who asked not

to be identified by name. "His condition is hopeful but shin."

critical," said the official. A patriarchate spokesman, Metropolitan Meliton, said the patriarch's condition had improved. Greek

Premier Constantine Mitsotakis called the hospital Monday night

to inquire about the primate's condition, the hospital source and

Although the Ecumenical patriarch holds little authority over the

independent Orthodox churches, his influence remains strong. He

is considered first among equals in the leadership. The patriar-

chate in Istanbul is a left over from the Greek Byzantine empire

which collapsed when the Ottoman Turks conquered Constanti-

nople (Istanbul today) in 1453. The Lausanne Treaty, signed after

Turkey's war of independence, stipulated the existence of the See

of the Greek Church in Istanbul. Under the treaty, the patriarch

is defined as a religious leader of the Greek Orthodox people-

living in Turkey. He is chosen from among Turkish citizens and

has no political say. While keeping a low profile at home and staying out of Greek-Turkish political disputes, he has travelled widely abroad to meet the faithful and promote church unity.

Qadhafi urges Yugoslavs to stop fighting

NICOSIA (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has called for

U.N. searching for Iraq's nuclear master plan, brains

U.N. inspectors are poring through the voluminous documents taken from Iraq in search of a master plan bringing together all the elements of Iraq's nuclear weapons programme, according to the head of the teams.

Rolf Ekeus, director of the U.N. Special Commission in charge of scrapping Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, also raised the possibility inspectors might discover the name of a top scientist who headed it all.

At the same time he admitted that some members of the nuclear inspection team relayed information to Washington while detained in a Baghdad parking lot at the beginning to their captivity

"We don't know how much was sent but we told them there were only two proper channels, New York and Vienna, and they should be used," he said, referring to his office in New York and the International Atomic Energy

Agency (IAEA) in Vienna.
But Mr. Ekeus said he did not rebuke the inspectors, who found themselves in a difficult situation with only their satellite telephone as a link to the outside world.

Iraq had charged that the 44member IAEA team, which included 27 Americans, was spying for the United States under the

guise of the United Nations. . The ouclear inspectors left Baghdad for Bahrain Monday with the first tangible evidence that Iraq wanted to detonate a nuclear device.

Mr. Ekeus said that the documents — which were said to include 25.000 pages of paper, 19 hours of videotapes and 3,000 photographs — also contained the oames of foreign companies that supplied Bagbdad with equipment and technology.

But he said the main object of the search was to find out how and who was "keeping all those things together" — the manium enrichment programme, the weapons designs and the sopbisticated nuctrigger design programme. by talking about one person but

There must be an idea how they hang together and how things are fed into another," he

together one way or another." he

these things must bang

"And normally there is some-one at the top," he said adding that the inspectors were still not clear on how the programme was

Members of the nuclear inspection team were released early Saturday after reaching agree-ment with Iraqi officials on the

Gardez halted cataloguing of documents they had seized last Tuesday about ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — A major guerrilla assault on the Iraq's nuclear weapons prog-

Attack on |

eastern Afghan town of Gardez

appeared to have ground to a halt

Tuesday but rebels said they had

Western diplomatic sources in

Islamabad said they had reports

that Monday's attack on heavily-

defended Gardez, capital of Pak-

tia province and President Na-

jibullah's home town, had be-

come bogged down after a

counter-attack by government

Mnjahedeen (guerrillas) were consolidating their positions," a

guerrilla spokesman in the north-

western Pakistani town of Pesha-

The guerrillas had earlier said

they had captured 20 government

posts around Gardez and the

nearby village of Mr. Najibullah in the first few hours after they

lannched the attack on Monday

morning. But the Soviet-backed Afghan

government in Kabul denied the

guerrilla claims of gains and said its forces had repelled the attack

causing heavy rebel casualties.

launched an attack on the Lagh-

man province capital of Mehtar-

lam and captured five to six gov-

ernment posts, the guerrilla

On Tuesday, the guerrillas also

"Gardez was calm today as

attacked another town.

Mr. Ekeus said he planned to o to Baghdad Friday or Saturday following overflights by the first inspection teams using U.N. helicopters, another controversy with Iraq over the past few weeks.

He said his trip was for the purpose of discussing with Iraqi authorities procedures for future inspection trips and long-term monitoring of Iraq's weapons programmes, ordered de-molished by the Security Council in a post-war ceasefire resolution.

The helicopters, on loan from Germany and operated by German pilots, are based in Turkey and were to fly to Baghdad on Tuesday. U.N. teams searching for ballistic missiles and chemical weapons intend to use the helionters on Thursday, be said.

Under arrangements worked out with the Iraqi authorities, an Iraqi navigator would be aboard each flight and would help communicate in Arabic with ground

control. Iraq had first insisted that the belicopters use only the Habbaniya airfield in western Iraq and not venture further east. But the United Nations now iotends to begin flights from the Baghdad

> No independent confirmation of the report was available.

A Western di lomatic source in Islamabad said guerrilla claims about gains in Gardez appeared to be exaggerated.

The town, fortified by the government after rebels took the nearby garrison town of Khost last March, has about 15,000 troops facing 6,000 to 10,000 guerrillas, the source said. The rebels have been shelling

Gardez since Sept. 18.

The Mnjahedeen have antiaircraft weapons and tanks, including 12 Iraqi tanks captured inthe Gulf war sent by Saudi Arabia, guerrilla sources said. Attacks on government-held

towns had petered out since the capture of Khost.

Monday's attack coincided with an offer by Mr. Najibullah to hold local elections under U.N. supervision in preparation for government elections proposed in United Nations peace plan. Mr. Najibullah offered a cease-

fire earlier this month in response to a U.S.-Soviet agreement to halt arms supplies to the warring sides by January. A Mujahedeen delegation

by Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, president of the Pakistan-based guerrilla government, left on Sunday for talks with U.N. officials and Soviet Foreign Minister Boris Paokin doring the General Assembly session

Three major guerrilla groups that want to use force to topple the Kabul government boycotted the delegation.
An Iranian envoy said Tuesday

that the guerrillas should stop internecine feuding to negotiate an end to the war in Afghanistan. "If they don't do something, a settlement will be forced on them in four or five months," said Javad Mansoori, the Iranian ambassador to Pakistan.

Mr. Mansouri would not elaborate, saying only "I think they know time is running out."

Pakistan and Iran have been trying for months to persuade the Afghan guerrillas to come up with a workable plan to end the fighting with the government. But the guerrillas have resisted. Two guerrilla factions have been at odds for most of the war. The fundamentalist groups in Pakistan have accused Iran of trying to export its Shiite-style Islamic revolution to Afghanis-

Arens: U.S. must drop its demand for settlement end

TEL AVIV (R) — Defence the 120 days are up.

Minister Moshe Arens said Mon- Ariel's "mayor," Ron. Nachday the United States should drop its demand that Israel halt the building of settlements in its occupied territories.

"We say to the American administration that our settlement in (the West Bank) is so important to the state of Israel, we expect that you give in to us," Mr. Arens said.

Mr. Arens, among the ministers closest to Prime Minsites Yitzhak Shamir, was speaking at a ceremony marking 13 years since the creation of Ariel, the largest Jewish settlement in the

Israel's government has offered financial incentives for Israelis willing to settle in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in an effort to increase the Jewish nopulation there.

Some 100,000 live in fortified settlements among 1.75 million Palestinians. Israel is estimated to have spent between \$2 and \$3 billion in the last year on construction in the occupied territor-

The United States envisages Israel returning Arab land it seized in the 1967 war in exchange for peace with its neigh-bours, and Jewish settlements threatens the formula

American officials have said the U.S. may link financial aid to Israel to a freeze on settlements in the occupied territories.

U.S. President George Bush last month called for a 120-day delay in granting Israel \$10 billion in loan guarantees to assist with the settlement of Soviet immig-

Washington hopes to convene a Middle East peace conference attended by Israel, the Arab states and the Palestinians before the Palestinian people and security of all parties," he added.

Patriarch Dimitrios' condition improves

ecremony that construction would begin later this week on 1,500 new housing units in the settlement.

Mr. Arens said the settlements formed the "basis for coexistence" between "Jews and Arabs

Egyptian call

Egypt reaffirmed Monday its call for Israel to stop building settlements in the occupied territories in exchange for an end to the Arab economic boycott.

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly, Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Musa said: "The continuation of the policy and practice of the construction of settlements on the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories has a negative effect on the prospects

Israel's persistence in building settlements in the occupied territories "will result in shattering the principle of 'land for peace. he said, referring to Security Council Resolution 242, on which Arab-Israeli negotiations are supposed to be based.

Recalling an initiative by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for a halt to Israeli settlements in exchange for a halt to the Arab boycott of Israel, he said: "This initiative still stands, and today I reaffirm it."

Mr. Musa called on all countries to support the convening of a Middle East conference.

We urge all to support the principle of 'land for peace' and

an end to barbaric Yngoslav fighting, saying it had made the country look "uncivilised, backward and terrorist." Libya's official news agency JANA reported Monday that Colonel Qadhafi called on all factions to stop fighting and settle their differences through dialogue. He also accused the United States. and Europe of encouraging the disintegration of Yugoslavia. "As a sincere friend of Yugoslavia, it's part of my universal duty to warn the Yugoslavs against the dangers of the situation... which is encouraged by the Europeans and Americans," JANA quoted Col. Qadhafi as telling a group of Yugoslav journalists. "The air raids against some Yugoslav cities.. and the tactics in Yugoslavia now are considered barbaric," he said. "It has also harmed Yugoslavia's history and its international status and made it look uncivilised, backward and terrorist." Yugoslavia has been hurtling towards all-out civil war since Croatia declared independence on June 25. Serbs in the republic rebelled and Serbian-led federal forces moved in to back them. Croatian officials say more than

Greek party wants Turkey expelled from EDU

1,000 people have been killed.

ATHENS (R) - Greece's ruling conservatives want the ruling Motherland Party of Turkey expelled from the European Democratic Union (EDU), which groups 29 Christian Democratic and conservative parties, a spokeswoman said Monday. Dora Bakoyannis, the daughter of Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis, said she had sent letters to the EDU saying that the Motherland Party had violated a 1985 agreement which paved the way for its admission to the union. She said the Motherland Party of Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz had put a map showing the northern part of Cyprus, occupied by Turkish troops in 1974, back on its emblem in the run-up to elections next month. "This violates a clear agreement in 1985 that Cyprus would be removed from the Motherland Party emblem as a condition for its joining the EDU," Ms. Bakoyannis said, Turkish-occupied Cyprus declared unilateral independence in 1983, a move recognised only by Ankara. Ms. Bakoyannis, once a minister in her father's cabinet, heads the international section of the conservative New

British miliionairess found slain in Haifa hotel

TEL AVIV (AP) - Emily Feuchtwanger, an 89-year-old British millionairess, was found stabbed to death in a hotel room in the northern port city of Haifa, police said Tuesday. The body of Mrs. Feuchtwanger, a member of a British banking family was found: Monday by a maid in her room in Haifa's Dan Panorama hotel police said. The victim's throat had been slit, police said. The at a robberv but police were also investigating other motives. Police did not yet know what, if anything, had been taken. No arrests had been made. Mrs. Feuchtwanger had lived at the hotel for the past four years. The Jerusalem Post newspaper said Mrs. Feuchtwanger, had connections in the past with Feuchtwanger Bank, an Israeli bank that closed in the late 1960s.

Sanctions protesters interrupt U.N. assembly

UNITED NATIONS (R) — A noisy protest erapted in the General Assembly hall Monday as young demonstrators unfurled banners, shouted slogans and scattered pamphlets calling for a halt to U.N. sanctions against Iraq. "Save the Iraqi children, end the sanctions now," they shouted in unison. Several of the demonstrators carried banners with the same message while others tossed pamphlets onto the assembly floor. The demonstration, which lasted several minutes, interrupted a speech by President Miguel Trovoada of Sao Tome and Principe. Assembly President Samir Shihabi of Saudi Arabia repeatedly banged his gavel in an attempt to restore order and threatened to clear the visitors' gallery as U.N. guards moved in to remove the

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once the U.N. trade embargo was lifted. Al Thawra newspaper organ of the ruling Baath Party, quoted communications and Transport Minister Abdul Sattar Al Mo'ini as saying 17 quays ... in the ports of Umm Oasr and Khawr Al Zubeir had been mended. "With exceptional efforts, the ministry was able to fix 17 quays.. after repairing the installations damaged as a result of the brutal aggression," it quoted him as saying during a visit to Basra, Iraq's second city.

'Iran, Syria to jointly build missiles

TEL AVIV (AP) - Syria and Iran have decided to build medium-range ground-to-ground missiles in a joint project, an Israeli newspaper said Tnesday. Iran apparently plans to invest in a Syrian factory to be set up by North Korea and produce Scud-C

missiles, the independent Haaretz daily said, citing reliable American sources, The Scud-C, originally developed by the Soviet Union, has a longer range and is more accurate than the Scud-B fired by Iraq at Israel and Saudi Arabia during

the Gulf war. Israeli defence ministry spokesman Danny Naveb was not im-mediately available for comment. The United States is trying to bring Syria, Israel and other Middle East countries to a peace conference, one of whose subjects would be slowing the escalating

arms race in the region. Military analyst Zeev Eitan said more Middle Eastern countries are following Iraq's example of trying to make their own weapoos rather than import

"It has become a commoo pbenomenoo that you not only buy the weapons, but also the capability to assemble them, producethem under license," said Mr. Eitan, a researcher at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

Haaretz said several dozen Scud-Cs were shipped from North Korea to Syria at the start of the summer and that a second batch was expected soon.

North Korea also promised to set up a missile factory in Syria, and the Iranians want to invest in the project, Haaretz wrote.

Scud-Cs have a range of about 600 kilometres, about twice that of the Scud-Bs, said Mr. Eitan. During the Gulf war, Iraq lightened the payload of the Scud-Bs so they would reach Israel.

Mr. Eitan said Tehran is primarily interested in deterring Iraq, which fired scores of missiles at Iranian cities during the Iran-Irag war.

Syria could be trying to strengthen its negotiating position in talks with Israel, Mr. Eitan said.

S. Arabia 'concerned' over suffering of Iraqis

UNITED NATIONS (R) -Saudi Arabia expressed concern Monday over the suffering of the Iraqi people but said their bumanitarian needs would be taken care of if Baghdad complied fully with all U.N. Security Council

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia follows with grave concern and sorrow the suffering of the people of Iraq, which is an inevitable consequence of the oppressive policies pursued by the Iraqi reg-ime," Prince Saud Al Faisal, the Saudi Arabian foreign minister, said in a speech to the General Assembly.

He was alluding to economic sanctions that the Security Council imposed on Iraq in response to its invasion of Kuwait in August last year.

Prince Saud said his country was convinced the ordeal of the Iraqi people was receiving the appropriate attention of the United Nations, and especially of the Security Council's Sanctions Committee.

"The full compliance by Iraq with all the Security Council resolutions and its cooperation with the special committee will ensure that such bumanitarian needs will be taken care of and at the same time contribute to fostering the principles of peace and stability in

the region.' Prince Saud, whose country was a key member of the U.S.-led anti-Iraqi coalition, said the Arab Order suffered a "terrifyiog blow" during the crisis resulting

from the Iragi invasion. "The overhaul of this order has become a necessity if it is to be able to prevent a recurrence of similar tragic events," he said.

The Arab countries that supported international legality sought to establish a new order ed on the spirit of brotherhood, solidarity and mutual interest, he continued.

These concepts had been in corporated in the "Damascus declaratioo," adopted this year by Egypt, Syria and the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, including Saudi Arabia.

Prince Saud said this was not aimed against anyone but was rather "a sincere call to reform siles during the Gulf war.

the Arab Order ... within the

framework of the Arab League." Saudi Arabia offered its full support for the efforts of U.S. President George Busb and Secretary of State James Baker to convene an international conference to achieve peace in the Middle East, the foreign minister

The building of Israeb settlements in occupied territory was a serious violation of international law and U.N. resolutions and a major obstacle to peace efforts,

Saudis thank U.S.

Saudi Arabia bas thanked Washington for its swift response in sending Patriot anti-missile rockets to the kingdom and de-nied any tension existed between

The U.S. sent two Patriot missiles bataltions to Saudi Arabia attempts by U.N. teams to inspect suspected nuclear weapons research sites. The state-run Saudi Press

Agency quoted an official source Monday as describing reports of a tension in U.S.-Saudi relations as 'unfounded claims." Press reports the Region have

spoken of Saudi unhappiness at U.S. threats of deploying fresh troops and aircraft in the kingdom to force Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions on dismantling its weapons arsenal.

"The government of Saudi Arabia led by the custodian of the two Holy Shrines (King Fahd) confirms that the ties are now stronger than at any day in the " he said. "It expresses its deep apprecia-

tion for the swift response by the U.S. government to provide the kingdom with Patriot missiles to boost its air defences against any foreign attack," be added. The official did not say how

many missiles were deployed in Saudi Arabia. Two Patriot battalions comprise nearly 100 missiles and 1,300 U.S. troops to operate

The Patriots were used success fully to intercept Iraqi Scud mis-

Sudan's rebels say secession is an option

NICOSIA (R) --- Sudanese rebels, in a major policy shift, say they have a new possible strategy for ending the country's civil war --- secession by the oon-Muslim

"The declaration was made earlier this month by the SPLA high command," said John Luk; Loodon représentative of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

"It is the first time that the questions of an independent state io the south and selfdetermination for the area are ablicty raised." Mr. Luk told Reuters in a telephone interview. The SPLA, battling the army since 1983 in the bush and swamps of the animist and Christian south, used to assert consis-

from the Arabised north. The SPLA and the military government of President Omar Hassan Al Bashir are due to meet in Abuja, Nigeria, next month for their first round of peace talks since December 1989.

tently it was oot seeking secession

The government says it will not compromise on Islamic Sharia laws or a federal system of government — both introduced earlier this year --- and has vowed never to allow a multi-party sys-

These are issues at the heart of the conflict, the second in the south since the secessionist Anva-Nya movement laid down its arms in 1972 after 17 years of fighting.

Mr. Lok and diplomatie sources in the region believe it is the uncompromising stand of the government military, which seized power in June 1989, that has prompted the SPLA leadership to consider secession as a means to end the bloodshed.

"The government's stand

a diplomat based in a neighbouring country." Secession could be an end to what appears to be an indefinite war. Foreign experts on Sudan point

out that an independent state in the south, although rich with oil and other oathral resources, would be a landlocked country with no infrastructure and the psychological and physical scars of many years of fighting. An estimated 500,000 people have been killed in the conflict

where the SPLA controls vast tracts of land and a string of border posts and small towns. Sodan, coveriog 2,505,000 square kilometres, is Africa's big-

and more than three million have

fled their homes in the south

gest country. Its population of about 25 million is one of the world's poorest. The SPLA has said in the past it wanted a secular Sudan giving

ethnic and religious minorities a

bigger say in the administration. It was not clear whether there was a link between the latest announcement and last month's mutiny by three senior SPLA commanders, who sharply criticised the policies of SPLA chief John Garang and called for seces-

Diplomatic sources said the mutiny, in Upper Nile state, was possibly motivated by tribal rivalries. About a third of the SPLA's 40-50.000 men were reported to have joined or expressed sympathy with the mutineers.

Colonel Garang is from the Dinka, a large and traditionally dominant Nilotie tribe which provides the majority of the rebels. All three commanders who mutinied are non-Dinkas.

NICOSIA (R) - Iraq said Tuesday it had repaired war damage at two ports on the Gulf and they were ready to receive foreign ships

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AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Tuesday celebrated his 51st birthday.

Prince Mohammad was born in Amman Oct. 2, 1940, and received his elementary education at the Islamic Scientific College in Amman, after which he attended a Swiss academic institution. Later, he pursued his studies in Britain. In 1956, he joined the military college in Baghdad for

Prince Mohammad has acted as Regent for King Hussein on several posts, including president



of the Jordanian Tribesmen Council in 1971 and president of the Higher Tourism Committee in 1977. Prince Mohammad is also the present chairman of the

Covernment denies press report about cancellation of customs fee programme

MMAN (J.T.) — A governabout special arrangel the expetriates to pay customs fees on cars brought in from Knwait is still valid and there is no truth in a report by the local daily Al Dustour Tuesday that those arrangements had been frozen, according to Prime Minister Taher Masri.

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the prime minister denied that any change had been made to those arrangements, which allow the expairiates until the end of February 1992 to abide by the decision.

The government is dealing with this question in a manner that would safeguard the interests of expatriates to help them overcome difficulties, the prime

AMMAN (J.T.) — Three local factories manufacturing hair

shampoo have been closed

lures to comply with the

national set of specifications

and standards, according to an

official statement by the Minis-

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The closure is part of the

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Abul Ragheb, who said that

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the customs fees on their cars by the end of Fehruary 1992. According to the arrang the expatriates pay only up to 85 per cent of the total amount of fees should they provide cash and

expatriates from paying an extra fine, which is normally imposed on importing cars from a country other than its source of origin, and allowed the expatriates to pay the customs fees by instalment over 24 months provided they pay 25 per cent of the total

pay the amount in full immediate-

these government arrangements had been frozen by the govern-ment for the time being pending

Jordanian phosphate exports to India to increase by 500,000 tonnes if plan adopted

 came up with the finding that the amount could

be available at an interest rate

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Rate (LIBOR). Subsequently,

JPMC proposed that India,

whose normal annual import of

Jordanian rock phosphates is

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very likely to accept this prop-osal," said one of the sources,

who preferred anonymity. "In-

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market is around three million

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phosphates from Jordan, in-

dustry sources estimated that

the additional import could

While no definite figures are

crease the Jordanian share."

"The Indian government is

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Indian government is likely to accept a Jordanian proposal to increase its imports of rock phosphates from the Kingdom by 500,000 tonnes to help raise capital for a joint venture phosphoric plant at Shidiyeh, informed sources said Thesday.

Agreement in principle for the project has already been reached and a formal accord is expected to be signed on Oct. 12 between the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) and India' Southern Petroche-micals Corporation (SIPCO), the sources said.

The total capital outlay for the project is set at \$100 million. JPMC will contribute \$10 million, part of it in the form of infrastructure, while SIPCO will come in with \$15 million in machinery, equipment and technology.

Inquiries in the international

The entire output of the proposed 208,000-tonne plant

It will be the first Indo-Jordanian joint venture in fertilisers and follows years of discussions between the governments of the two countries. It will be sited at Shidiyeh. known to yield phosphates in rich quantities at a production

\$60 million.

Before the JPMC proposal, India was expected to import phosphates and related products worth \$200 million from Jordan this year. Industry sources said it was also likely the Asian giant might choose to maintain the proposed high er volume of Jordanian im ports even after raising the required capital for the phosphoric acid plant.

will be purchased by the Indian government at a price less than two per cent than the market price, according to the proposal. Present plans call for production to begin by the year

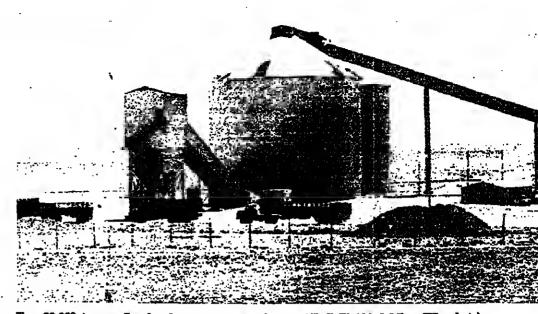
> train Jordanians. focus given by Asian countries to agriculture, industry sources

acid is growing and Jordan is best placed to house plants to manufacture the acid since the Kingdom enjoys an edge in terms of freight to markets in

Indian technicians will be pre-The Soviet Union was also sent at the plant initially to interested in setting up a phosphoric plant in Jordan and In view of the increased discussions had reached an advanced stage before being frozen a couple of years ago. The JPMC remains hopeful say, the market for phosphoric

that the idea could the revived. The JPMC and a consortium of Japanese companies are discussing a plan to set up a plant to mannfacture compound fertilisers. Most of the production of the proposed plant - which is expected to have a majority Japanese capital investment will be exported to Jordan. Final shape is expected to be given to this project before the

end of the year.



the Far East.

Masri opens addition to hospital, promises better health services

SALT (Petra) — Prime Minister Taher Masri Tuesday opened an annex to the government hospital in Salt which accommodates 100 additional beds and said in a statement later that medical services will be improved and up-graded at all Jordanian hospitals and health centres.

Accompanied by Health Minister Mandouh Al Abbadi and other officials, the prime minister inaugurated the five-storey build-ing which cost JD 2.5 million and was set up on a 5,200 dunums of

The new building, adjoining the old Al Hussein Hospital in Salt, has units for pediatrics, Gynacology and Obstetrics, first aid and emergency treatment, s, and administrative offices. The new building was deemed essential to cope with the growing demand of health and

medical services in the Balqa Region, said the prime minister at a meeting held after the inan-

He told the audience, which included provincial governors, directors of departments and beads of local councils, that the government was backing the Health Ministry's effort to expand medical services in all gov-

The government is keen on providing the best services to all. citizens despite the current economic difficulties facing the Kingdom, Mr. Masri said.

Dr. Ahbadi outlined in a speech the Health Ministry's effort in providing integrated medical services and said that those services in Jordan have reached a high level of dintinction compared with developing nations in the region.



other area in the Kingdom.

opportunities for at least 150 skilled and non-skilled Jorda-

nians. A limited number of

The project will increase job

Masri opens annex to the government hospital in Salt (Petra photo).

Dr. Ahhadi announced that a new hospital will be opened in Matraq soon and a centre for the treatment of burns will be inaugurated at Al Bashir Government Hospital in Amman.

The Ministry of Health has prepared a plan to build hospitals in Ruseifa, Karak, Koura and

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submachine guns, guarded the

conference hall at the party's

headquarters in south Beirut's

Sheikh Musawi, called on fac-

tions holding most of Westerners

missing in Lebanon not to release

any of them without conditions.

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that there must be a price for

every step they should make.

There should be a price even for

releasing a minor piece of in-formation," Sheikh Musawi said.

Lebanese prisoners and the re-

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means that everyone who has

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have arrested about 1,900 Palesti-

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released by Israel."

Sheikh Musawi said. step," Sheikh Musawi said.
"A thorough package deal is in works," he said. "Thorough

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Lebanon says U.S. punishing it

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Lebanese prisoners after receiv-ing reliable information that

Rahamin Al Sheikh, one of two

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turn for allowing an expelled

Palestinian to return to the occu-

pied West Bank. Israel also seeks

information on five other service-

men missing in Lebanon since

The body of Samir Assad also

bollah, was dead.

Minister leaves for Libya

AMMAN (J.T.) — Lahonr Minister Abdul Karim Al Dugh-mi left for Tripoli on a three-day official visit to discuss labour related matters with the Libyan

Mr. Dughmi, who is leading a delegation of government officials, is expected to discuss the prospect of employment of Jordanian doctors, teachers and techni cians in Libya, according to Jordan News Agency, Petra. In a statement Tuesday, Mr. Dughmi said that the Libyan government had expressed willingness to open its markets not only for Jordanian national products but also Jordanian engineers, doctors and

The visit, he said, was part of his ongoing endeavours to find new areas of employment for Jordanians. The minister had vi-

Meanwhile, Israel detained villagers from southern Lebanon. security sources said.

Israeli soldiers seized the men

overnight from the village of Kfar Kila inside the Jewish state's selfstyled border "security zone" in the south, they added.

The men were held on suspicion of being members of local groups fighting Israel to force it leave strip, they said.

The number of those captured was not immediately known. Beirut Radio stations said some of the seized men were taken to the Khiam prison run by Israel and its client militia, the South Lebanon Army (SLA).

teachers. sited Iraq and plans a similar visit to Yemen to achieve this goal. His Majesty King Hussein told the European Parliament last month that unemployment has soared in Jordan and presently stands at 32 per cent. The influx of Jordanian and Palestinian expatriates returning from Kuwait since the Gulf crisis began in-August 1990 has aggravated the situation, the King said. He said that among the 300,000 re-

turnees so far, 83 per cent are jobless and many have no homes. Mr. Dughmi is accompanied on the Libyan visit by officials from the ministries of health, education and the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC).

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

EXHIBITION — The British Council in Am-

Official leaves for council meeting

man is currently hosting an exhibition of water colour paintings by Charles Foster Hall. The

AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of the Board of the Arab Federation of Medicine and Medical Supplies Manufacturers Nizar Jardaneh will leave Amman for Tunisia Wednesday to attend the 16th session of the Arab Health Ministers Council. Mr. Jardaneh will present a paper to the council summarising the federation's activities and proposing the establishment of a common Arab medical market.

Secretary general receives ambassador

AMMAN (Petra) — Parliament's secretarygeneral, Saleh Al Zubi, Tuesday received in his office Chilean Ambassador to Jordan Haddad Hreizi. The meeting reviewed bilateral relations between the two countries in parliamentary fields and arrangements related to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference which will convene in the Chilean capital, Santiago. Jordan will take part in the conference which will start this

Cooperative workshop opens

IRBID (Petra) — A workshop on ways of supporting communications between cooperatives started at the Professional Associations Complex in Irbid Tuesday. Jamal Bedour, director of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO), which is organising the workshop in cooperation with Irbid Governorate, delivered an opening address at the workshop. He outlined the main objectives of the work of the JCO and underlined the role of women in the production process. Dr. Bedour said the JCO is trying to establish productive societies in the Jordanian countryside. The three-day workshop will discuss several educational issues and ways of enhancing cooperation between the JCO and the cooperative societies on the one hand and the JCO and the official institutions in the Kingdom.

NFCE to organise seminar

to the public until Thursday.

AMMAN (Petra) - The National Federation of Children's Education (NFCE), will organise a specialised seminar on the children's programmes in radio and television. The two-day seminar, which is being held on the occasion of the Arab Child Day next Monday, will discuss working papers dealing with the process of producing children's television and radio programmes, the information policies followed in selecting and producing these programmes and the impact of these programmes on children.

iDB approves loan to Hisban

MADABA (Petra) — The Industrial Development Bank (IDB) has approved granting Hisban town in Madaba District a JD50,000 loan which will be used in establishing a municipality building, according to Hisban Mayor Khalaf Al Hamid. Mr. Hamid said that the municipality will start building a secondary girls school in the town

Baker expected back in Mideast

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The United States ended a dialogue with the PLO in June 1990 after a hardline PLO faction staged an aborted raid on an

Israeli beach. At that time, President George Bush said that the PLO disassociated itself from the attack and that it issued a statement condemning attacks against civilians in

But he argued "this alone is not sufficient" to keep the dialogue, which was vehemently opposed by Israel, going. Mr. Bush also called for the

PLO to begin "to take steps to discipline Abn Abbas, the perpetrator.

At the meeting in Algiers of the Palestine National Council (PNC) that ended last weekend, it was announced that Abu Abbas has resigned from the PLO Executive Committee so as not to be an obstacle to dialogue.

The PNC also said the PLO

welcomed the U.S.-Soviet peace conference initiative, a decision seen as making it possible for Palestinians to participate in the

Mr. Tutwiler, asked if the PNC moves caused the administration to consider reestablishing the dialogue with the PLO, said:

peace talks.

No... when the dialogue was suspended, the president made very clear that the PLO would need to take a number of steps, including condemnation of the terrorist attack for which Abu Abbas was directly responsible disassociation of the PLO from that operation and steps to discipline Abu Abbas."

"We have certainly noted... Abu Abbas' departure from the Executive Committee. But that does not satisfy all of our concerns," she said.

Mr. Tutwiler declined to spell out publicly exactly what more the PLO would have to do but said the PLO itself previously had been informed in detail of the

Delegation briefed on peace probess

AMMAN (J.T.) — Bishop M. Rusterholz, chairman of the Fedcration of Protestant Churches of Switzerland, and his accompanying delegation met here Tuesday with the speakers of the Senate and the Lower House of Parliament for a review of the general situation in the Middle East.

Senate Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi spoke in detail about the Palestine question, noting that the Palestinian people are denied their basic rights under Israeli occupation rule and are being subjected to repression at the hand of Zionism. He urged the European countries to help establish peace and find a lasting settlement to the Palestine problem. Mr. Lawzi spoke about the

sufferings of the Jordanian people as a result of the Gulf war. that noting the Kingdom played host to more than a million refugees without waiting for international aid to cope with the

He urged industrialists to provide protection to consumadhere to the sets of specifica-An official at the Ministry, tions and standards in industwho declined to name the - rial production so as to ensure the high quality of Jordanian three factories, said that similar measures would have to be products in domestic and foreign markets. taken against other factories

Customs Department expects increased revenues

AMMAN (Petra) — The Customs Department expects to collect a total of JD 336 million from customs and other fees and duty on imports by the end of 1991, up by JD 50 million over last year's figures, according to a department statement

Tuesday.

The statement said that the customs collections estimated in the 1991 fiscal year amount to JD 301.5 million. The statement said that the customs collections in September reached JD 37,121,758, registering an increase of JD 7-3,541,700 over the collections of the previous month.

September's collections reg-

istered an increase of more than JD 15 million over figures for the same month in 1990, the statement said.

which fail to abide by the

regulations.

toms fees collected in the first nine months of 1991 amounted to JD 225,483,305, registering an increase of JD11 million over the same period of 1990.

Department Director. unad Mahdi Al Farhan said that the increase in the customs fees resulted mainly in an improvement of methods and was also due to the vast authority given to the customs centres to take appropriate de-

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

A Exhibition of water colour paintings by Charles Foster-Hall at the British Council.

★ Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian artist Marwan Al 'Allan at
the Royal Cultural Centre.

* Art exhibition by Iraqi artists Mohammad Finatein Judi (copper cogravement) and Sahib Al Yassiri (ceramics) at Alia Art Gallery.

* Plastic art exhibition by Jamileh Abed APail at Yarmouk

By Dr. Abdalla Maiki

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Of complexes and realities

THE PALESTINE Liberation Organisation's (PLO) bid to resume its suspended dialogue with Washington was precipitonsly turned down at a time when the Palestine National Council has taken great strides to promote the U.S.brokered peace process in the Middle East. The PNC dropped Mohammad Abbas, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, from the PLO's Executive Committee in order to meet a persistent U.S. call for his removal after he had allegedly masterminded the beach attack against Israel in 1990. More importantly the PLO took substantive conciliatory decisions that aimed to strengthen the momentum for convening a peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict, including of course the Palestinian problem.

The last PNC meeting has been universally acclaimed for having taken bold resolutions in favour of holding peace talks by the end of October by dropping several preconditions that the Palestinians had hitherto attached to any prospective peace negotiations with Israel. Even U.S. President George Bush and his Secretary of State James Baker have hailed the Palestinians for going more than half way to expedite the U.S.-led peace efforts in the region. The Palestinians have the right to a response in kind and rejecting their call for resumption of the dialogue with Washington is not the sort of answer one would have wished

for in these critical times. It is a well-known fact that the PLO is a vital link in the peace chain that is being carefully nurtured and promoted. The U.S. above all knows only too well that the PLO still pulls many strings that affect not only the outcome but also the initiation of the projected peace talks between Israel and the Arab side. As a matter of fact, the Bush administration has held and continues to hold overt and behind the scenes talks with the PLO. The repeated Baker-Ashrawi-Husseini contacts are nothing but part and parcel of this process of dialogue between Washington and the PLO. Why then the continuing dialogue if not outright negotiations between the U.S. and the Palestinian organisation cannot be accorded a

comes for holding peace talks?
As a matter of fact, the U.S. most of all recognises that the Palestinians must have a place at the negotiating forum scheduled to be launched rather soon and that the PLO will fill that place in the final analysis.

more formal recognition, especially when all parties includ-

ing the U.S. realise that the PLO, bone and flesh, will be at

the negotiating table in one form or another when the time

Let us face it: Time is overdue for all the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict to start talking to one another directly and in the most forthright manner possible. If the U.S., under whose umbrella the entire peace exercise will be conducted, refuses to talk to one of the central parties, then all hope for peace in this part of the world will be doomed before the search for it is kicked off. For all these reasons, Washington should also shed off its complexes and begin to talk once again formally with the PLO.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

THE U.S. offer to reduce nuclear weapons drew welcome and cheers from many countries of the world, but such a decision had a very limited effect in the Arah region, said Al Ra'l Arabic daily. It said that unless the Americans reduce the vast nuclear arsenal which Israel possesses and with which it continues to threaten the Arab World, the seeds of tension will remain in the Arab region. Washington is called upon to take a serious step to stop Israel's nuclear activities and liquidate the nuclear weapons found in Israel's arsenals at a time when Washington and Moscow are following this pattern to rid the world of the danger of a holocaust, the paper called. It said that there can be no reason for Israel to remain the sole nuclear power in the Middle East at a time when its government continues to refuse to sign any treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and has been rejecting any international inspection of its nuclear facilities. The paper said that if this area were to enjoy peace, it should be a nuclear-free zone which can contribute most beneficially towards the consolidation of security and stability. If Washington carries out such a step, said the paper, it can by all means enhance the momenture towards the peace process and a permanent settlement, ar I can also vastly boost its credibility in the eyes of the Arab World. The paper said that the Israeli nuclear arsenal remains the main source of danger threatening the whole region and if peace is to be achieved through America's good offices Washington should take immediate steps to rid the region of all mass destruction weapons.

A guest columnist in Sawt Al Shaab daily focused attention on a news report that the government has allocated JD 45 million in the 1992 fiscal budget to pay salary increases to civil servants and other employees. Salem Mingattash said that the civil servants would of course be happy to receive an increment that would help them cope with the ever rising cost of living and inflation in Jordan. But such joy is not to last long since government sources have reported that government subsidies on basic foodstuff, which now amount to JD 20 million, would be lifted by the beginning of the next year and that the government is contemplating a reconsideration to the fees charged on telephone, and facsimile communications, water and electricity consumption and others, the writer pointed out. He said that a quick glance at the cost of living index in 1990, as published by the Central Bank of Jordan, shows that the cost of living in the Kingdom more than doubled between 1985 and 1990. He said that prices of vegetables, fruit, dairy products, cigarettes, clothes, shoes, rent and other commodities and services have risen sharply, which justifies a raise in salaries. But, he said, should the government remove the subsidies on basic foodstuff and raise the fees on services, not a single civil servant would feel satisfied and more complications would be created for the ordinary citizens.

Economic Forum

The water problem of Jordan

Every summer Amman residents feel the bite of water shortage amid mounting sensation of the imminent onset of a water crisis. Very recently that sensation started to burn, thus igniting nationwide concern. Although we might not yet have concrete scientific evidence of the exact nature and extent of the water problem, the early symptoms are there. The influx of returnees from the Gulf only accentuated these symptoms but did not create the problem. The basic makings of this problem are quite conspicuous: demand for water is on the rise and its supply is

The deterioration of the water situation is customarily attributed mainly to population growth. That might be right but I would like to take it with a small grain of salt. Ammanites with good memory will undoubtedly remember that they complained of the same water shortage back in the summers of the sixties, even though we had at that time more (or less depleted) water resources and far less population, lower demand from agriculture and barely any demand from industry. This suggests that population growth is not the only reason behind the present water hardships. Another reason could be the way we administer our

In this particular context, one recalls the consistent report circulated during the eighties to the effect that some of our water resources have been wasted. It is said that around 30-50 per cent

of water pumped to houses and factories leaks out from our national network! Recovering this squandered quantity may not solve the problem but will certainly give us a valuable breathing space to start real work on solving it.

Real work starts from re-drawing our investment priorities. If the water problem is really crucial to us it will have to figure very prominently on the national economic agenda. Our investment priorities have to be re-arranged as to assign top and immediate priority to investments necessary to tackle it. Once a strategic decision to that effect is made the measures to deal with it will not be difficult to identify and receive national consensus. There are five options here.

We have to start with salvaging the precious water slipping away from our hands and mouths. This means rejuvenating our aging water network and spending generously on that because the return on capital here is abnormally high as it involves reactivating almost "dead" capital formation. Second we have to combat evaporation and capture every drop of surface water. This means building a dam wherever is necessary. Then water uses have to be rationalised. This means investing in education, spreading public awareness and devising water-saving use sysalination of sea water is another option but has to be ruled out for a long time on the basis of prohibitive high costs that not be dealt with until cheap energy resources are available.

Importing water is conceivable but it is more of a regional and international issue that has to wait non-economic developments.

But investments need finance. If the water problem is really well-defined and the related remedial measures are worked out, it will not be difficult to convince the Jordanian tax-payers, the affinent world community and international organisations to underwrite these investments. What annoys the tax-payer in developing countries is to pay taxes for financing spending which he knows nothing about, does not monitor it directly or indirectly and has no visible bearing on his daily life. If he is shown that a certain public spending contributes to solving one of the problems he faces, the tax-payer will respond very favourably. There is recent empirical evidence suggesting that tax-payers accept what may be termed "aimed taxes," that is taxes tied to specific purposes such as "fixing their highways, schools or parks."

(Business Week, July 2, 1990, p. 41).

The world community is also most sympathetic to schemes relating to issues like developing and conserving water resources. These schemes improve living conditions, serve as a valuable form of external economies and thus help in enhancing the productivity of capital throughout the economy including that of foreign aid and external loans, in which the world community has a big stake.

Jordan has to draw a sound investment scheme to tackle its water problem. Sound projects always find the necessary finance.

Lies in the sand

By John Ross & Norman Solomon

The following is the first in a 4-part series of a working paper presented at the International Seminar on News Coverage During the Time of War: Objectivity and the Role of Journalists, held in Amman, Sept. 28-30, 1991. John Ross, Pacific News Service and San Francisco Examiner correspondent in Latin America, has covered guerrilla wars in the Andes and social conflicts in Central America and Mexico. He recently returned from a human rights fact-finding tour of Kuwait, Norman Solomon coordinates the peace desk for the media watch group FAIR, based in New York

military effort. Despite deep pub- remacy. lie divisious about costs, conscripcriticism; voices rejecting the media for Washington's designs.
political rationales for such belAs "The Yellow Peril" of Japan ability to sway the U.S. Congress into a declaration of war. Just as tion of the media in wartime ran Gulf, Hearst sold a lot of papers a Washington plummeted into its century ago, shouting down antiinterventionists and trumpeting tilities in Vietnam were the first the glories of the first great U.S. to be reported in full-blown detail imperialist excess during the so-on U.S. television and, while military commanders sought to (1898-1900). During World War limit press access, the chaotie I, jingoist press barons like field situation and general de-Hearst — branding those who moralisation of U.S. troops objected to involvement as allowed reporters to roam the traitors - cheerled government Indochina peninsula, graphically ailings, executions, and deporta- illustration tions of this alien menace to rising home (however inadvertently) U.S. military might. Reactivated the deadly folly of intervention.

HISTORY testifies that whenev- time that it justified the U.S. er the United States marches off incineration of Hiroshima's and to war, the caissons of corporate Nagasaki's civilian populations as media are in the vanguard of the proof of America's moral sup-

But even that horrendous contion, and carnage, the drum roll flagration failed to assuage the of war traditionally drowns out boosterism of U.S. corporate igerencies are soon muted by the segned into China's "Red lords of the press. "You furnish Hordes" in Korea, the specter of the pictures and I'll furnish the "Communist Cancer" creeping in William Randolph Hearst from the East pumped up circulawired his reporter on the ground tion and incited witch-hunts. The in Cuba in 1898, boasting of his cold war was good for business. But the Pentagon's manipula-

during the recent conflict in the into a curious booby-trap as g for the folks back for Wold War II, the propaganda Although voice-overs, editorial juggernaut fought the Good Fight against Hitlerian Evil at the same ties of most correspondents re-

mained supportive of the U.S.'s presence in that war of national liberation, the film shot and shown to an increasingly disaffected U.S. public contrasted sharply with Pentagon optimism, and — in the war's later years played a major role in the attri-tion of popular backing on the

Stung by the imprint of defeat in Vietnam, the Pentagon fingered the media for the death of 55,000 young Americans and swore to assure no repetition of the error. Under the tutelage of Ronald Reagan, the military was given free hand to exclude media witnesses in impending invasions. Grenada was one of the Reagan White House's first military expeditions. Under a new press plan, slavishly agreed upon by major media, only hand-picked reporters would cover the taking of that tiny tropical isle. But even the agreed-upon "pool" news

dock when the flotilla sailed south into action. And when the press corps tried to island-hop to reach Grenada in time for the mop-up, it was kept at bay by the U.S. Navy which actually threatened to blow reporters out of the water if they attempted to land. One mark of the success of the Pentagon's press blackout: the military was able to conceal scores of friendly-fire deaths, and the bombing of a mental hospital that took 23 lives gained scant international attention.

Proxy wars in Central America were Reagan's next military cards. Ever cognisant of massaging the media where it counts, a White House starring Hollywood's leading ideologue encouraged New York Times reporters and NBC camera crews to go into battle on the side of the Contras and the Salvadorean military. On the flip side of the dial, Salvado-

rean rebel film and first-hand accounts of Contra massacres in Sandinista villages were excluded from U.S. television because they exhibited "leftist" bias. The December 1989 invasion

of Panama was President George Bush's baptism in news management during wartime. Corporate media umbrage at Mr. Reagan's handling of Grenada six years earlier had been blunted by Pentagon readjusments. But, despite the revamped guidelines, the restrictions placed upon reporters—flown in a day late to put the Pentagon spin on the assault — infuriated the working press. Bottled up at a U.S. military fort under the pretext of personal danger, the press corps broke out of its corral and headed for Panama City — but not before a photographer for Spain's prestigious El Pais was gunned down by a U.S. Army tank.

Despite the rebellion at milit-

ary restrictions, most news gathered pack-reported Panama shamelessly and failed to even investigate the devastation of inner-city neighbourhoods or delve into the actual number of civilians killed in the bombings. With CNN's cameras trained night and day upon Manuel Noriega's Papal Nuncio hideaway, the December 1989 Panama invasion was reduced to a prime-time Christmas parable for the U.S. viewing

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President George Bush's successful spin control on Panama proved to be dress rehearsal for the management of news during the Gulf war. For Washington, the stakes were far higher in the summer of 1990. A half-million troops would eventually be deployed in that war zone to defend the flow of oil to the industrial

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LETTERS

Human value or hypocrisy?

I have followed the different letters published by the Jordan Times on the issue of censorship on television and more precisely the censorship of kissing. Although one might not think that this issue is of national interest, to me it is an issue that is indicative of a social problem that is being furthered by the attitude of those in charge of Jordan Telvision for fear of entering or allowing a

The fact that violence is not censored but kissing is shown very clearly that our minds are more preoccupied with the sin of sex than it is with human value and crime. Why is it safe to allow our children to watch men killing each other on a background of thrilling music but unhealthy to see a husband kissing his wife with a background of relaxed music? What is the message from this double-pronged approach to Western culture (if that is what it is)? Are we trying to tell our children that it is okay to kill each other but it is not right that husband and wife remain affectionate and loving to each other? Are violence and killing upheld Arab values but affection a social taboo that was imported from the West?

I don't think so. If Arabs are known for anything then it is their highly-charged emotions and if our literature is something to go by then our literature books of the past are filled with legendary love stories written out in the most explicit and sensual manner. Who are we kidding? Our social taboos are products of our present fears and hang-ups. They are problems which were introduced to us in modern times. We have always gone back to our past to prove to our new-born conservatives that men and women interacted and loved openly in the past. Their love was cleaner and more honest than anything our contemporaries are witnessing now precisely because the interests of our forefathers did not centre on the vices of women's beauty but were allowed to wander into more constructive issues like their work and future

So the issue is not Arab tradition versus the ugly West. The issue is that we have been taught, by similar mentalities to those who censor the kissing scenes, that public affection is a social crime that we should not even watch let alone practice. For the lady who wrote a letter saying that she did not want the little girls to be hassled by boys who watched kissing scenes on television, I say that it is precisely that attitude which creates problems like these she mentions. To those who think that kissing happens only in Western movies, I say that maybe our adults need a few lessons that the teenagers seem to have learnt without parental guidance.

Women are hassled on the streets of Amman by frustrated and immature teenagers and young men who do not have any other forum for interacting with the women of the country unless it is one of two: sin or marriage. Most of them are too young for marriage, the social taboos tell them that interaction between the sexes is a sin so they go to the streets and hassle all the women who dare venture outside their homes.

This issue of kissing on television and our attitude towards it is only the tip of the iceberg of a great struggle between the know-it-all adults, like Mr. Samir Ghawi, who did not mind going around the U.S. doing everything short of offsprings but has now come back to teach us the lessons of celibacy, and those who would like to see a Jordan where all citizens, male and female, learn how to interact with each other properly. This can only happens if things like this are discussed openly and without the fear of being labelled as non-conformists of Westernised liberals who have rejected their culture. I want to see us go back to our culture which has been twisted and turned by self-imposed guardians such as those who keep talking of moral values which the population should accept without argument while they themselves have acquired their knowledge through experience.

The issue is not whether to kiss or not to kiss, the issue is why did we even consider cutting out decent human interaction on television, and here I am not talking about sex scenes or explict love images, when we do not cut out all the other violent scenes which have been proven scientifically to cause harm to children and influence their attitudes towards human life. But give me a break, really, I do not think that any of our children will be

eternally harmed if Mickey Mouse was allowed to kiss Minney Normeen Murad.

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Let nature take its course

To the Editor:

there are many more pres that call for the public to speak up and take a stand than the issue of "kiss or not kiss," raised by Mr. Nidal Ibrahim and which received a number of controversial replies from readers. A good example on what I am saying is Mr. Gmdo Remero's lengthy article on the loopholes of the touristic sector in Jordan, which to his dismay did not provoke any public opinion, yet I found myself rushing to comment on Mr. Ghawi's and Ms. Bin Tareef's criticism of Mr. Ibrahim's views with respect to JTV's censorship of Western movies (Jordan Times, Oct. 1).

First of all I believe that censorship, if it has to be exercised, should not be restricted to romantic scenes. There are many more sides to Western movies that seem to escape censorship, namely those that indirectly promote discrimination and propaganda against nations or cultures.

I would like to point out to Ms. Bin Tareef that "wanting our children to feel safe in their country" takes much more than censoring love scenes. Restricting our debate to television, what about all the shooting and murdering of cowboy movies? The reckless car racing of detectives in police movies, the dangerous stunt acts, sinuggling of drugs, to name but a few of the usual scenes in feature films and TV series, not only Westerns. Don't you think these should also be censored in order for children and cenagers to see but the good and avoid all evil. Ms. Tareef wants kissing scenes cut off because she describes them as "destroying scenes which provoke crimes." It's a crime to underestimate teenagers' mental and physical awareness and instincts. Forbidding children from seeing those scenes is not a preventive measure ast crime. Ms. Bin Tareef is also worried about girls being victims of chasing from boys imitating those "destroying scenes. Why should girls be the innocent victims and boys the aggressors?

I've seen cases of quite the opposite.

As for Mr. Ghawi's letter, begins by "I am not against everything that is Western... and I wish to assure Mr. Ibrahim and the Jordan Times readers that I wear a shirt, trousers and a necktie," and then he moves on to say 'I belong to the Abaya, Hatta and Iqal... and I drink Arabic coffee." Please make up your mind as to where you belong, Mr. Ghawi. Then you say you are an Arab or are you a bedown or a Jordanian? Because, correct me if I'm wrong, Egyptians are Arabs, aren't they? and they are major producers of movies of the sort you want censored. Mr. Ghawi considers Mr. Ibrahim as one who "has got out of his skin and dipped in the Western culture." Why? Because he calls on JTV to leave viewers of Western movies the choice of what scenes to see or not see. This is not offence to our Arab tradition. Wearing trousers and a necktie and then balsting other aspects of Western culture is offensive to that culture. I tefer here to Mr. Ghawi's statement that he "respects the values of other

If we are all encouraging democracy and freedom of expression and choice, then we should let nature take its course, as Mr. Ibrahim puts it. We cannot condemn Western cultures, which Mr. Ghawi describes as "of outright, unrestricted and unlimited freedom," because some of them are pioneers of democracy.

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Owen: Foreign Office has pro-Arab tilt

By Jonathan Freedland The Jerusalem Post

LONDON — A former British Foreign Secretary has denounced London's Foreign Office, saying it has a "passionate commitment to and oil. the Arah cause" and noting a

Foreign Secretary in the last Labour government, from 1977

His remarks, which appear in his newly published memoirs "Time to Declare" and in an interview in today's Jewish magazine "New Moon" will be seen as the most authoritative confirmation yet of a view that is common among pro-Israel activists here: the Foreign Office is a bastion of pro-Arab sympathy.
Mr. Owen writes that be took

over at the Foreign Office to find a department with a clear "Arab influence." And as the first British Foreign Secretary ever to visit Israel, he told New Moon "there was great resistance" from the Foreign Office to the trip in February 1978.

His remarks are particularly scathing regarding the department's role in the 1973 decision not and Margaret Thatcher are the to supply shells to Centurion tanks sold to Israel by Britain. "I was appalled," writes Mr. Owen. "I considered it then, and still do, the most cynical act of British foreign policy since the Snez."

He adds: "It showed not just Arab influence within the Foreign Office, but a total lack of principle in standing by one's commitments." He says he bad which he says permanently damated Angio-Israeli relations.

youngest ever Foreigo Secretary, explained the apparent anti-Israel bias as having been caused by three factors: "a phenomenon similar to the fascination that Arabia held for T.E. Lawrence," "a basic British antisemitism."

"marked Arab identification among British diplomats.

The comments were made by Dr. David Owen, who served as Office. But he senses a change: "There is a younger generation coming into lead roles who are people of a more robust character." he told the magazine.

The interview also reveals that Mr. Owen had to struggle to win European support for the Camp David Accords, particularly with the French president at the time. "Giscard D'Estaing was very hos-tile to Camp David... Britain was often in a minority of one." He claims partial credit for winning a "fair and sympathetic bearing in Europe "for the American position on the peace process.

Elsewhere in the book he ranks former British premiers according to their sympathy for Israel: "Sir Alex Douglas-Home, and Edward Heath, have been the prime ministers most critical of Israel; Churchill, Harold Wilson

most deeply committed friends."

The Owen Memoirs reveal an obvious warmth toward Israel. He describes dinners with Moshe Dayan, who he says bad a "captivating quality" in conversation, and with Yigal Yadin. He also writes of his great friendship with Amoz Oz, whose literary agent is Mr. Owen's wife, Deborah.

Mr. Owen, who is retiring from "contempt" for this "craven act" Parliament at the next election, now leads the minority Social Democratic Party, after leaving Mr. Owen, who was Britain's Labour in 1981.

Lies in the sand

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North. Proclaiming a "New World Order" as euphemism for U.S. domination of the international sphere in light of the Soviet collapse, Mr. Bush early on enlisted corporate media in his campaign of deception. In the grand tradition of White House media manipulation during wartime,. major television networks, dailies, and news weeklies were signed up for the coming military crusade and were promised a front seat at the fireworks. As usual, the Pentagon promulgated new rules. This was to be a sanitised war in which there would be no announced body counts, which had so troubled press officers in Vietnam (Los Angeles Times, Jan. 20, 1991). Indeed, death itself was to be banished from the battlefield as the Pentagon moved to bar all press access to returning U.S.

In the preface to "Unreliable Sources," a new book examining corporate media credibility, Martin Lee and Norman Solomon remark on other Pentagon press restraints during the war in the

"Journalists, who had to sign papers agreeing to abide by press regulations before they received a visa for Saudi Arabia, found American military activities throughout the region to be largely off-limits. All photographs, video and battlefield dispatches had to be cleared by military censors. Reporters were only allowed to travel in predesignated (126 person) "pools" with U.S. military escorts always at their much easier for U.S. officials to steer journalists clear of certain operations. Feisty reporters were to a report by the Fund For Free Expression (a project of Human tion appears to have favoured those journalists whose coverage is likely to be favourable to the

Press censorship had much less to do with protecting U.S. troops than with projecting the

right kind of image so that Americans back home would support. the war. Some of the rules were downright ludicrous, as when a reporter at a press briefing in Saudi Arabia asked if General Norman Schwarzkoof weighed 250 pounds. 'General Schwarzkopf is a big man,' a U.S. officer responded, 'but regulations prohibit the disclosure of his weight.' Details deleted by U.S. censors, but reported in the British press (London Independent, Feb. 5, 1991), included the fact that American pilots were shown pornographic films before taking off on Stealth bombing missions.

"To be sure, reporters occasionally groused about the restrictions. The pool system is turning iournalists into essentially unpaid employees of the Department of Defence,' said New York Times' correspondent Malcolm Browne," who once won a Pulitzer Prize for reporting from

In the same vein, U.S. Secret-ary of Defence Dick Cheney told the New York Times that Gulf news coverage was "a model for the future" (May 5, 1991). Pre-sumably that model included the: performance of United States'
Marines who seized Time magazine photographer Wesley Boxe and blindfolded him, holding him captive for 36 hours under armed guard when he strayed away from an escorted press pool (Lbs Angeles Times, Feb. 12, 1991).

The arrest of Mr. Boxe and other reporters who did not abide by Pentagon press restraints gives new meaning to the term "prison-er of war." Even Fred Hoffman, a former Associated Press reporter who as a Pentagon employee helped design the Defence Department's press policies for Grenada and Panama, was appalled. "What's happening in the Gulf is

much more restrictive than we ever contemplated," he told the New York Times on the same day, Mr. Cheney characterised that policy as "a model for the

But despite their government's clampdown, enthusiasm by the representatives of U.S. media for Operation Desert Storm was fervent. While a few reporters had actually been taken prisoners by American troops in the Gulf, major news broadcasters made the U.S. public prisoners of the war projected into their homes. The London Independent's Robert Fiske was aghast when he spotted American reporters dressed up in U.S. military uniforms. The message such uniformed news gatherers dispatched to the folks back home often identified the U.S. military as "our" troops; the twisted rationale of the U.S. mission was explained to small children in such terms in between Saturday morning cartoons on two out of the three biggest TV networks. No homage to Mr. George Bush's efforts was more exhilarating than that hosted by the Gridiron Club on March 23, when 60 prominent Washington

Perhaps Michael Deaver, Mr. Ronald Reagan's disgraced spin doctor, best characterised the White House's success at managing the news from the Gulf. Speaking the day after U.S. Stealth-bombers slaughtered hundreds of Iraqi women and chil-dren in a Baghdad neighbourhood shelter, he complimented the Pentagon for its deft media handling of the potentially-troubling event; "If you were going to hire a public relations firm to do the media relations for an international event, it couldn't be done any better than this is being done," the celebrated Washington public relations expert told the New York Times (Feb. 15).

journalists cheered the presi-

dent's triumph over the evil Sad-

Chemical hormone could put sheep shearers out to pasture

By Wilson Da Silva Renter

SYDNEY — One of Australia's best-known images — the suntanned sheep shearer clipping fleece at breakneck speed could soon become a piece of history.

Australian scientists have invented a hormone that causes the fleece to peel off, saving the animal from a traumatic experience and, they say, potentially slashing the price of wool.

Commercial use of the hormone may be as little as two years away, which could be good news for Australia's troubled wool industry and its 166 million sheep.

The genetically-engineered bormone EGF, which a U.S.owned drug company plans to market, weakens wool strands on the back of a sheep and makes the fleece peel off.

"Within about 10 days of injection, the animal is bare," said Dr. Oliver Mayo of the Animal Production Division of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial

Research Organisation (CSIRO). "Sheep don't like to be shorn, it's very traumatic for them. This is a lot easier on the animal and you get this beautiful, evenly-cut creamy-white fleece," he said.

Added CSIRO's Dr. Terry Leche: "There are no second cuts required for the spots that were missed and it leaves the animal with a nice, smooth and very comfortable short coat. The process is quite trouble-free."

EGF, meaning epidermal growth factor, is injected into sheep and over a five to 10-day period weakens its wool follicles. When wool resumes growing. the weak strand is pushed out and the fleece's weight on the outside forces it to drop.

Pitman Moore Australia Ltd, a subsidiary of Incera Group Inc. of the United States, has bought the marketing rights to EGF and expects to introduce it to the market in the next two years.

The firm's market development manager, Ron Hailing, said that EGF was in the development phase and looked very promising. "We're looking at ways of producing EGF in commercial quan-

tities, which requires genetic en-gineering techniques, and we've

But several obstacles remain. The firm must develop a whole new way of harvesting wool and Unlike shearing, which cuts off

EGF sheds all of the fleece, right down to the roots. While this produces a higher quality coat, it also leaves the

only the top layers of the coat,

sheep naked and prone to mjury Sheep must therefore be wrapped in a "hairnet" jacket for six weeks, allowing new wool strands to push through skin layers, break the surface and grow long

The jacket must be put on immediately after injection. After six weeks, it is removed and the wool can be peeled off as one

enough to provide skin protec-

If widely adopted, EGF will spell an end to the back-breaking work fo sheep shearing, which increasingly relies on imported

Shearing accounts for about 25 per cent of the cost of wool production, amounting to \$203 million a year in Australia, the world's biggest wool supplier.

It costs about \$2.74 to shear a sheep, including labour and equipment - double for rams, which are heavier and more

The price of the EGF process, including the polypropylene jack-et, must therefore be brought down to match this if the process is to be viable. Pitman Moore are confident they can.

A spokesman for the government's Wool Research and Development Corp said the process was likely to be applied first to rams before spreading it across the industry.

Pitman Moore is working to develop inexpensive, lightweight and comfortable jackets that cannot be damaged by the sheep in the paddock and can be reused several times.

It seeks a global market — that's around 1.17 billion sheep. But there are problems. When injected with the hormone, most pregnant ewes suffer abortions and both males and females lose their appetite for a day.



Will hormone make their lives easier?

The researchers have found that there is a window around 90 to 110 days after pregnancy during which ewes can be injected without aborting. But Dr. Mayo said it would be preferable if pregnant sheep were not injected

hours in the sheep's body and is cating, even if slaughtered shortly said to cause no long-term dam- after injection.

age. Authorities have approved The hormone stays less than 24 sheep injected with it as fit for

Palestinians will present own case

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tine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Prince Hassan said that there was a mified Arab stand towards convening this summit and stressed its im-

Prince Hassan said that the political peace march requires intensive Arab efforts over many years and entails inter-Arab political coordination;

Jordan's position towards the prop-

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The United States hinted at

military action against Iraq if it

did not comply with U.N. resolu-

Iraq Sunday gave a U.N. advance party permission to base the

helicopters at Al Rasheed airfield

It had previously objected to

flights over downtown Baghdad

and insisted the U.N. helicopters

use only the Habbaniya airfield in

Mr. Livingston said flight corridors over Baghdad were the only

outstanding issue but he did not

anticipate problems because the

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dimensions of the regional problems resulting from the Gulf crisis, he recalled that a proposal was made by the Jordanian delegate to the United Nations to ban threats to the environment as a weapon in was and noted that the proposal wars made in re-

whereabouts of Iraqi President

Mr. Livingston said U.N. tech-

nicians, barred for Al Rasheed

airfield Monday, received their

security passes Tuesday. More

Saddam Hussein.

the weapons issues." he said. Understandably weapons issues sponse to a request by specialised international organisations and has Iraq clears helicopter flights

> Addressing the closing session of a three-day symposium on News Coverage during war, Prince Hassan stressed the need for holding political inter-Arab meetings at this time when

ng. Prince Hassan said that Jordan has than sixteen tonnes of maintenance equipment was being flown in for the helicopters, he added. Mr. England's team, which includes seven Americans, will supervise the demolition of the 28 declared Iraqi missile launch sites during its seven-day stay. Baghdad has said more than 20

sites were destroyed by allied bombing but Mr. Englund said they would ensure the concrete pads and electric cables beneath them were completely useless because otherwise it would be relatively easy to erect new laun-

no political implications.

"It appears that humanitarian became news worthy after several weeks effectively of the crisis and of that as we attempt in the Jordanian mission to the U.N. to propose a resolution forbidding the use of ensad for me to feel effectively that as we speak about the Gulf crisis the

look at basic security in terms of haman beings, in terms of the effects of the crisis to the human environ-ment, and yet, as I said the high ground continues to be very much

political balance in the region is lack-

always encouraged inter-Arab dia-logue and meetings to coordinate Arab stands towards various issues. He voiced hope that a specific mechanism for future inter-Arab dialogue at all levels will be developed and stressed the importance of crystallising a new perception of inter-Arab cooperation taking into consideration priorities of Arab work such as the Arab-Israeli conflict and conditions of Palestinian people in the

occupied territories.
Prince Hassan said, Jordan regreted the "forcible migration" from Kuwait to Jordan and through Jordan to the occupied territories.

IMF-World Bank team holds talks

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adopting towards Jordan. In general, said another source close to the talks, the

IMF and World Bank negotiators were satisfied with Jordan's adherence to previous agreements. "Jordan has a very good

track record as far as the IMF

and the World Bank are concerned," said the source. "The recommendations presented to government could be described as representing a vital turn in the course of the Jordanian economy," said the source who also preferred not to be identified. He declined to be more speci-

Other sources said points discussed during the delegations' talks in Amman included subsidies on foodstuffs, a moratorium on any ies and creation of new jobs in the civil service and hikes in telephone, water and power supply service charges.

The recommendations come ahead of the finalisation of the draft fiscal budget for 1992, and the government's response to the IMF is expected to be reflected in the budget figures, analysts noted.

A green light from the IMF and the World Bank is essential for Jordan before it can resume debt rescheduling negotiations with foreign cre-

The government, in line with earlier agreements with the IMF, has already cut down part of the subsidies by introducing a coupon system

and a free market for imported meat. But officials have said that increasing the charges for drinking water was almost ruled out, while supply could be considered, even though there is big

opposition to such increases.

Asked whether the IMF and the World Bank were considering any low-cost loans to Jordan to help the Kingdom handle its balance of payments, one source said:
"Everything depends on
the ongoing discussions and

the government's response to the recommendations." The source said the IMF and the World Bank were

confident that the Gulf Arab states would gradually re-sume their financial assistance to Jordan. "It may not come tomorrow or the day after, but there is no doubt that Arab aid to Jordan will be resumed," the source said.

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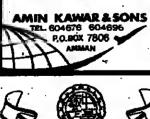
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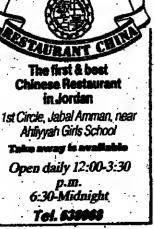
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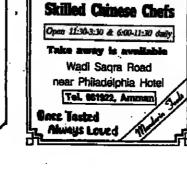












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୍ୟିସମୁଲଳ to stage world under-17 soccer

FORYO (R) — Japan will stage the World Under-17 Soccer Charapienship in 1993, the Japan Soccer Association said Exectay. The biennial tournament, won by Ghana in Italy in August, will be staged in four Japanese cities between Aug. 20 and Sept. 5 and will include 16 teams.

Cameroun wins gold in African soccer

CAIRO (R) - Mouafo Kamajov scored in the ninth minute to TERM Cameroun a 1-0 win over Tunisia in the African Games soccer final Monday. Nigeria won the bronze medal by beating Dimbabwe 3-0.

Pene brawl at Africa boxing finals

 $\mathbb{CAIRO}(\mathbb{R})$ — Hundreds of Nigerian and Egyptian fans brawled offer a disputed occision at the African Games boxing finals. When flyweight Mustafa Ahmad Hassan of Egypt was declared a points winner over Nigerian Malagu Moses, Nigerian fans raised their national flag and booed. Rival fans then traded punches and Evrew chairs at each other for several minutes until police separated them. Moses was bundled out of the stadium under close guard. It was not immediately known if there were any seriors injuries.

Migerian bewer dies

LAGOS (R) - Nigerian flyweight boxer Nojim Gbadegesin died in a Lagos hospital Sunday after suffering brain damage during a professional fight, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) said. Gbadegesin, a 27-year-old customs worker, went into a coma Ther he was knocked down by fellow Nigerian Kelvin Onwudiwe the sixth round of a supporting bout Friday. NAN said it was only Goadegesin's second professional bout after 35 fights as an remateur. Io Londoo, British boxer Michael Watson remained unconscious and on a life support system Monday after surgery to replace a monitoring device in his hrain. But doctors treating the 25-year-old Watson, who collapsed at the end of a World Boxing Organisation (WBO) boat nine days ago, said his stable condition was an encouraging sign. It was the third operation on Watson who suffered a brain injury when he was knocked down by fellow-Briton Chris Eubank in the 12th round of the supermiddleweight bout. American boxer Fernie Morales spent four ocys in a coma last week and needed emergency brain surgery after a 12-round decision to International Boxing Federation immacraweight champion Orland Canazales in California.

್ಲಿಂಚಣಿ stays European boxing champion

ONDON (R) — Britaio's Lennox Lewis retained his European issevyweight title Monday when he knocked out compatriot Genn McCrory in the second round. Lewis, 1988 Olympic ruper-heavy-reight champion for Canada, outclassed McCrory from the first bell and felled his opponent twice with right "Uncorcuts to the head in the second round. The referee, who had Torred wcCrery to continue after a first count of nine, finally counted him out one minute 30 seconds into the round. For - 17-is, now undereated in 17 professional fights, it was little more The a vorkout shead of his undercard appearance against Tyrell 1933 on the Mike Tyson-Evander Holyfield world heavyweight the bill in Las Vegas on Nov. 8. Lewis said he would be ready to stight for the world crown in a year.

ിയിനെ അഴേരം to Berlin

BERLIN (R) - World pole vault record holder Sergei Buhka is to join the exedus of Soviet sports stars by moving to Berlin's Olympic Addition Club (OSC) at the end of the year, "Berlin office me the best training facilities in summer and winter," said (22 27-year-old Olympic champion, finally confirming a deal that had been rumoured for months. OSC said Monday that the details of the move had not been finalised. Bot Bubka, who has also had Exerctive offers from France, will move into a flat in Berlin in

Boniek joins Barl as coach

BARI, Italy (R) - Former Polish soccer international Zbigniew Beniek, who quit as Pisa coach five hours after taking the job, has leined Bari as coach, the Italian first division side said Monday. Fic was approached by Bari after Coach Gaetano Salvemini resigned following the team's 2-0 defeat by Juventus Sunday. Soule's brief reign at Pisa last week ended when he resigned ever a dispute about the choice of his assistants.

Zagało back on Brazii coaching staff

\$10 DE JANEIRO (R) — Mario Zagalo, Brazil's coach at the 1970 and World Cups, said Mooday he would he working as issistant to newly re-appointed national coach Carlos Alberto Farreira. "We have a long friendship and I am absolutely certain we can make Brazilian soccer rise again," Zagalo said. Zagalo, who played in the victorious 1958 and 1962 campaigns, coached Erazil to their last success 21 years ago. "To return after such a long time is a cream come true," added Zagalo, whose last job was with Rio Club Vasco da Gama.

No late bids for 1998 World Cup

ZURICH R) — No 11th hour hids to host the 1998 World Cup finals were received by FIFA. France, Morocco and Switzerland remained the only candidates as Priday's deadline passed. A FIFA official said: "We have heard oothing official from Brazil, England and Portugal who were still in at the second phase. We have to assume they are no longer interested."

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South wisely judged his hand as balanced, but too strong for a 16-18 point no trump opening because of the six-card suit. Hence the opening

West led a space and dummy's queen held. That gave declarer five fact tricks outside of clubs, and it accused the tricks that were needed to and the game could be developed

safely in clubs. Declarer realized he could afford to lose a club trick, so long as the danger hand. East, could be kept off lead to prevent a spade return through the king.

Declarer decided to take a club finesse, since if West did hold the queen there was no immediate threat in spades. To that end South cashed the king of clubs, and West's queen was a bitter blow. When West did indeed show out on the second round of clubs, declarer could not establish the club suit without allowing East to gain the lead. Down

No one can fault declarer's plan Indeed, we would have adopted the very same one had we been playing the hand. However, we would have taken a little extra care in handling

At trick two, correct technique is to come to hand with the king of diamonds to lead a low tlub toward the king. If West produces a low club, we would shoot up with the king and take a club finesse, guaranteeing the contract as long as the suit divides 3-2. But when West follows with the queen of clubs, the contract can be assured by allowing that defender to hold the trick. Now the king of spades would have been protected and the club suit estab-ished, and we would have landed the contract with an overtrick.

Agassi wins in 57 minutes as 2 seeds fall in Sydney tournament

Agassi's Australian debut was break serve. colourful but brief as he sped past local man Jason Stoltenberg 6-2, -2 Tuesday.

World number eight Andre Agassi, clad in cerise cycling shorts, took just 57 minutes to beat Stoltenberg and go into the second round of the Australian Indoor Tennis Championships, after a first-round bye.

The 2I-year-old American, seeded fourth, is playing in an Australian tournament for the first time and has established himself as crowd favourite at the \$1 million event.

But while Agassi basked in the fans' admiration, two other American seeds lost in straight sets in the second round. Number 12 Aaron Krickstein

was beaten by Canadian lefthanded Grant Connell 6-4, 7-6 while seventh seeded Derrick Rostagno bowed out to Brazil's Danilo Marcelino, ranked 89 places below him at 109th, 6-4, 6-4.

Agassi outclassed Stoltenberg with a powerful combination of speed, strength and accuracy, particularly on his jobs.

"I thought be was playing solid but I just came up with the right shots at the right time," Agassi said. "Everything was really working well tonight.

"It (the court) was a little quicker than I anticipated but I soon got the hang of it." Stoltenberg, also 21, could only shake his head after failing to

He came to life briefly in the final game of the first set when he took Agassi to five deuces. Agassi now plays 14th seed and

fellow American Malivai Washington, who defeated Jeff Tarango of the U.S. 7-6, 6-2. Sixth seed Yugoslav Goran Ivanisevic, 19th in the world, gained an easy 6-4, 6-3 victory over 26-year-old Australian

Simon Youl while American

eight seed Michael Chang beat

Sweden's Niclas Kroon 6-3, 6-4. But another American, IIth seeded Richey Reneberg, was given a scare by Australia's Sandon Stolle.

It took a 7-5 tiebreak in the

third set for Reneberg to beat the 21-year-old son of great doubles specialist Fred Stolle 4-6, 7-5, 7-6. Agassi, declaring his firstround loss in this year's U.S. Open the lowest moment of his career, said Monday he would quite tennis if he did not think he would one day win a Grand Slam

"I'll spend the rest of my career trying to do it," Agassi said before playing in his first Australian

"If you told me I couldn't win one. I'd feel like there wasn't a whole lot out there for me. There's a good chance I'd quit tennis if I thought I couldn't," the American said.

Agassi, who has slipped from number four in the world at the end of 1990, has played in three



Andre Agassi

Grand Slam finals, losing in the French Open twice and in last most. year's U.S. Open. But it was his first-round defeat to Aaron Krickstein in straight

sets in August which burt him

"I would probably go down as the most disappointing loss of my

San Diego indoor club wants Maradona

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Backing up his desire to sign Diego Maradona, San Diego Sockers managing general partner Oscar Ancira Jr. says he'll fly to Argentina to meet with representatives of the suspended soccer star.

Ancira said he has scheduled a fact-finding meeting Wednesday in Buenos Aires with Maradona's personal agents, Marcos Franchi and Enrique Torres. Two weeks ago, Mr. Ancira anoonced that the Sockers

play in the major soccer league. Mr. Ancira said Monday that Wednesday's meeting "is to discuss the present and futureavailability of Maradona's services to the United States soccer There is not much negotiating

at this point, there is nothing cast in concrete," Mr. Ancira said. There are a lot of things we need to discuss, to see what can we do, given that nobody seems to know proceedings in Argentina. He to discuss, to see what can we do,

would like to sign Maradona to what the FIFA regulations are." Maradona was banned by the Italian League in April for 15 months after he tested positive for cocaine use. The ban until July 1992 was extended worldwide by the International Fed-

eration of Association Football Maradona recently received a 14-month suspended sentence on Italian charges of cocaine posses-

April 26 and two days later was charged with possession and distribution of drugs. "Under the proper circumst-

was arrested in Buenos Aires on

ances, Maradona could make a significant contribution to the American soccer community," Mr. Ancira said. "We've been made aware of the ban that doesn't permit him to play until the summer of 1992 and we most assuredly would not look to circonvent or violate such a ban.

Faroe Islanders move mountain to build soccer pitch

TOFTIR, Faroe Islands (R) - A high shot at the Toftir-end goal could send the ball flying over the plateau's edge and down to the

"But don't worry, we keep several balls handy," Niklaas Davidsen, chairman of the local sports association, said.

The pitch — the first in the Faroes with real grass — may seem dramatically isolated from the outside world, but it will offer live television and radio broadcast facilities and instant telephone contact.

A home ground became a national obsession for the soccermad Faroese after they beat Austria 1-0 in a sensational international debut, a European Championship qualifier, just one year

Because European soccer rules demand a real grass pitch, the Faroes had to play their opening match 1,500 kms away in Land-

skrona, southern Sweden - a home match without a home crowd. Only two months after the

astonishing win over Austria the crash of explosives rolled over the" hills above Toftir as work began on a new pitch. Fifty tonnes of dynamite were

tonnes of rock, most of it used to enlarge the local harbour. Danish turf was laid and terraces built for 6,000 seated spectators — 12 per cent of the islands' total population.

The Faroes' all-amateur team

have not repeated their first success, drawing in Belfast, losing to Yugoslavia and Denmark away and to Northern Ireland in Landskrona.

But they believe the chant of a real home crowd will lift their game. "If we'd played Northern Ireland at home, we'd never have lost 5-0," declared coach Pail Gudlaugsson after their defeat by Northern Ireland. The roar of the Faroese supporters will be only one of the

challenges facing visiting teams. Simply getting to the Farces is an adventure. Clouds, gales and fog can make landing at the airport, built by occupying British troops in World War II, an unneeded to shift some 200,000 nerving experience. Passengers frequently appland a landing in

difficult conditions. Then comes a 90-minute bus journey through wildly beautiful scenery, incloding a ferry ride, to the main island of Streymoy, where the capital Torshavn is located.

The next step is a half-hour boat trip north to Toftir, a fishing village of 800 people, and a steep climb to the stadium.

Work on the stadium was completed so fast that the Faroese request to play their remaining home matches there in the Euro-

pean Championship took European Football Union (UEFA)
officials by surprise, Faroese
Football Association Chairman
Togleif Sigurisson said.
When they turned down our

request, we appealed to the executive committee," he said. "They said our opponents could The Danes said yes, but Nroth-

ern Ireland and Yugoslavia refused to travel to Toftir, saying it compared with the Austrians, who had played at neutral Land-Though far from happy the

Faroese had to accept the decision. "But we shall play our World Cup qualifying matches here next year," Mr. Sigurdsson

The Faroes will inaugurate the stadium with a friendly against England's Nottingham Forest on Oct. 20

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1991 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Changes that are now in progress need to be considered wisely if you are to make big intely necessary to your brokess and strides towards conditions that are appo-considered among it you are to make pid

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TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You are apt to spend more than you can afford thinking that you can buy your way out of happiness or some condition that is

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You are discontented and don't know what to do with yourself but it is just one of those days when sticktoativeness-will carry MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July

21) This is the time for you to make sure that you do hold steady to what you have already begun even though you feel hindered with obstacles. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You want to get friends to go along with an idea that fastinates you but they are too

preoccupied with their worries so don't

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22)
Take some time out to do what is expected of you as a loyal and good cinizen for otherwise you incur the distance of one is power who can help

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Make sure that you look into that new idea that appeals to you but it is not the

right time to take definite make it a part of your life. SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem

21) You have the wrong hundres now and can get into considerable trouble it you try to put them is effect or persuade associates to do so. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to De-

cannus a nation (provenues as to De-cember 21) A partner can easily become an opposent now unless you handle him with hid gloves since wrong impressions are present that could become trouble. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to Janu LAPINE-UNITY (LICENSOF ZZ TO JAMES ary 20) Projects seem to be a drag and a bore and the implication you originally had seems all mod up so do your assignment as well as possible.

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THE Daily Crossword by Hank Harrington

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BANGKOK (R) — The gap be-

tween rich and poor is increasing

in much of Asia despite the eco-

nomic growth of recent years, a

With little apparent hope of the

situation improving, it says, civil

Poverty, inequality, oppres-

strife and dissent could spread.

sion, inadequate social infrastruc-

ture and related circumstances

making for social distress con-

the region despite economic de-

the Bangkok-based U.N. Econo-

mic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The report is due to be pre-

sented to a ministerial conference

on social welfare in Manila next

Traditional ills like drug abuse,

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such as AIDS, environmental

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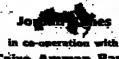
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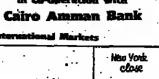
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Сигтенсу	1 MTH	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
U.S. Dollar	5.31.	5.50	5.50	5.62
Sterling Pound	10.37	10.12	10.06	9.93
Deutsche Mark	9.06	9.25	9.31	9.31
Swiss Franc	8:12	-8.06	7.93	7.87
French Franc	9.25	9,45	9.43	9_43
Japanese Yes	6.68	6.37	6.18	-5.93
European Currency Unit	9.81	9.81	9.87	9.87

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Swiss Franc	.4714	.4738
French Franc	.1207.	1213
Japanese Yen*	.5149	.5175
Dutch Guilder .	,3647	.3665
Swedish Krona	.1126	.1132
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Greek Drachma*	3700	.3650
Cypriot Pound	1.4580	1.4680

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Index	29/9/1991 Close	.30/9/1991 . Close
All-Share	122.01	122.13
Banking Sector :	103.16	103.19
Insurance Sector	121.28	122.34
Industry Sector	151 .06	151.25
Services Sector	128.58	128.75

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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IMF reappoints Camdessus as managing director

WASHINGTON (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Monday that Michel Camdessus has been reappointed to a second term as managing

The former French bureaucrat, who has worked assiduously to keep the IMF at the centre of everything from the Third World debt crisis to the remaking of the Soviet Union, was unanimously reappointed by the fund's board.

"Our joint work over the past five years has been the source of many satisfactions, but much remains to be done," Mr. Camdessus, 58, told the board in a brief acceptance speech. "It is with pleasure and anticipation that I agree to continue in my posi-

Mr. Camdessus, who joined the IMF in January 1987 after serving as the head of the French central bank, has a reputation as a demanding boss but one with a sense of humour. He will begin his second five-year term on Jan.

Canada plans

service strike

OTTAWA (R) - Canada press-

ed ahead Monday with back-to-

work legislation to end a strike by

"We cannot allow these disruptions

to resume and the Public Service

Alliance of Canada is unwilling to

accept the best offer that can be

Pickets caused delays at one

border crossing in Windsor, Ontario, and delays were re-

ported at Toronto's Pearson In-

ternational Airport, the country's

busiest. Airports in Vancouver

and Winnipeg were also targeted

In the capital, about 2,000 pub

lic servants rallied outside the

prime minister's office, blocking

The government, which put the bill on hold last week to resume

contract talks, said defiant work-ers will face stiff fines when the

legislation becomes law within a

Union members resumed Fri-

day a strike that had paralysed

government services for 10 days

24.0 points higher at 1586.1.

earlier in September.

law to end

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grain shipments.

made," he said.

for strike action.

traffic.

House of Commons.

Under his leadership, the IMF has moved away from being a monetary institution and become more involved in economic development of the Third World, much to the chagrin of some of his critics who see that as a job for the World Bank.

A deft technician and able negotiator, Mr. Camdessus has won the trust of developing countries that have long been suspicious of the IMF and the tough economic policies it prescribes as conditions for its loans.

But he has also managed to

convince industrial nations to come up with extra money for the IMF, including a \$60 billion increase in the fund's capital last Monetary sources said the IMF is likely to find itself even more in

the thick of things during Mr.

Camdessns' second term in

The United States and other industrial nations are looking to



Soviet Union move from communism to capitalism, in part because they lack the money to do the job on their own.

Mr. Camdessus is not without his pride. Monetary sources said that earlier this year he convinced the board to raise his annual salary by more than 25 per cent to \$285,000 to keep it in line with that of another former French bureaucrat, Jacques Attali. Mr. Attali heads the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which was set np this year to aid eastern Europe.

A Roman Catholic, Mr. Camdessus is married and has six

Aid from rich countries to poor in Asia increases in 1990

countries from major industrial nations increased by \$7.4 billion last year but, as a share of economic output, the level of assistance was no higher than in the late 1970s, the OECD has said.

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Develop-ment's (OECD's) annual tally of official development assistance (ODA) showed aid rose to \$54.1 billion from \$46.7 billion in 1989. ODA is defined as grants and soft loans provided by the official

sector to promote economic development or welfare. The United States regained its position as the largest single donor, with \$11.37 billion, fol-

lowed by France and Japan. Norway allocated the highest percentage of its gross national product (GNP) — the total value of its output of goods and services — to Third World aid in 1990 at

1.17 per cent. Overall, as a share of GNP, aid grew to 0.35 per cent from what the OECD described as an exceptionally low level of 0.34 per cent from developing countries.

hemisphere and has been tipped by Washington as next in line for

Even Peru and Nicaragua,

which had become financial

pariahs after limiting or suspend-

ing their payments, have now

returned to the world's capital

markets with the help of rich

"The changes that are taking

place in the continent have no precedent," said Isaac Coben,

Washington envoy for the U.N.

Economic Commission for Latin

But Brazil, the biggest debtor

President Fernando Collor de

But legal battles have bogged

down its plans to privatise state-

owned companies. Inflation is

running at 16 per cent a month

Mello's government has clinched

an agreement with creditor banks

in the Third World, has everyone

bolding their breath.

free trade deal:

This was below 1988's level of 0.36 per cent and unchanged from the average achieved between 1977 and 1981 despite reg-ular exhortations by the United

Nations to step up aid.
Officials said the United States argued that its forgiveness of \$7 billion of military debt owed by Egypt should be counted because the economic effect was similar to that of fresh aid.

Other conntries, notably Japan, objected, saying that it was inappropriate to count relief of military debt at a time when poor nations were being urged to cut defence spending.

The argument over military debt raised the question of whether the ODA figures should include forgiveness of other types of debt, such as export credits. Officials said the dispute had not yet been settled.

The OECD said its initial tracking of aid to eastern Europe suggested that there had been no major diversion of assistance

Group PLC had a net loss of

£21.2 million (\$35.8 million) in

the first half of the year, as

recession hurt consumer spending

in its key U.S. and British mar-

The jewelry store operator said

its loss for the six months ended

Aug. 3 compared with a net loss of £1.15 million (\$1.94 million) in

the same period a year ago.

The company said it has a pre-tax loss of £17.7 million

(\$29.9 million) compared with

pre-tax profit of £9.3 million

Sales rose 22 per cent to £45.4 million (\$761 million) from

£370.7 million (\$626.5 million). Ratners purchased Kay Jeweler's of the United States for

The company said it typically

"As we approach the all-im-

records twice the sales volume in

the second half as in the first.

portant Christmas trading period

we are still awaiting the first signs

of an improvement in consumer spending in the U.K. and con-

firmation of a sustained upturn in the U.S.," said Gerald Ratner,

chairman and managing director.

dicting a recovery in consumer

confidence in the final quarter

and this would be particularly

advantageous for the group," Mr.

"However, the depth of the recession and the effect on our

trading will clearly have an im-

pact on the profit outcome for the

year," he pointed out. Ratners' more than 1,100 Brit-

ish stores had an operating loss of

£11.7 million (\$19.8 million) com-

pared with profit of £13.3 million

(\$22.5 million). Sales declined 8.8 per cent to £231.7 million. Results in the United States,

where the British company has

1,000 stores in 43 states, were bet-

Ratner added.

"Most forecasters are now pre-

\$328.1 million last year.

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sharply

made matters worse, it said. The report said about threequarters of the world's poor, a total of about 800 million people. Ratners' lived in Asia, most of them in the Indian sub-continent. loss widens

"In some of these countries the number of people living in abject poverty has increased and the gap between 'haves' and 'have-nots' has widened," the report pointed LONDON (AP) - Ratners

ESCAP reported progress in some fields. Health care had improved, life expectancy was longer and infant mortality reduced. But migration to the cities by

people in search of a better life

meant that rural poverty had merely been transplanted to urban sinos. Drug abuse was reaching epidemic proportions in some countries and AIDS (Acquired

Immune Deficiency Syndrome) would kill millions of men, women and children by the end of the century, the report said. Thailand alone could have as

many as two million to 3.4 million HIV-positive cases — the virus that causes AIDS — by the year 2000, it estimated.

Vickers announces first loss

LONDON (R) - Manufacturing conglomerate Vickers has announced its first ever loss, due mainly to restructuring costs at struggling prestige carmaker Rolls-Royce. Vickers PLC posted a pre-tax loss of £4.3 million (\$7.5 million) for the first six manths to June 30 against a profit of £39.8 million (\$69 million) last year. "I must warn shareholders that 1991 will be a very poor year for Rolls-Royce motor cars and the outlook for 1992 remains uncertain," said Vickers, chairman and chief executive, Sir David Plastow. "In consequence, the results this year for Vickers as a whole will be very unsatisfactory," he added. At operating level Vickers posted a profit of £16.2 million (\$28 million) which was just over half last year's £30.2 million (\$52 million).

the fund to play a key role in dessus i Bankers see debt crisis in Latin America waning

WASHINGTON (R) — Latin America has turned the corner and the end of the debt crisis is finally in sight, U.S. bankers say. For the first time in almost a decade, more money entered the region in 1990 than left it, new

70,000 government employees which has delayed flights, clogged reports show. U.S. border crossings and halted With the sole exception of communist Cuba, all Latin Amer-"They put safety and security ican nations have embarked on at risk and are endangering the radical economic reforms that are economy," Treasury Board President Gilles Loiselle told the attracting foreign investment and bringing capital back into the

> Privatisation drives and relative economic stability are turning the region's stock markets into some of the world's most

"The debt crisis is basically over," one banker in New York

Bankamerica's Peter McPherson says the reforms are doing the trick. 'The underlying problem was always more one of economic policy, reform and stability than

Not that the area's \$425 billion combined debt is showing any signs of shrinking, let alone dis-

PARIS (R) — Two Paris jewel-

lers whose high society customers once included Elizabeth Taylor

and King Hassan of Morocco

went on trial Monday charged

with fraud over the spectacular collapse of their business four

The key is whether nations can repay it. Bankers say Mexico, Chile, Venezuela, Colombia and Bolivia are now capable of servicing their debts and Argentina is joining the clnb.

Mexico, whose inability to repay creditors triggered the re-gion's debt crisis in 1982, is leading the recovery trend after joining a U.S. plan for commercial debt reduction in 1989.

In exchange for debt cuts, President Carlos Salians' government lannched an ambitious liberalisation drive. As a result, the economy grew by almost four per cent in 1990 and is expected to grow by nearly five per cent this

"Mexico is the perfect example that you can grow with debt," to repay \$8.5 billion in arrears. one banker said.

Mexico is also negotiating a free-trade pact with the United States and Canada that is ex-Americas and create the first get a \$2 billion standby loan from the International Monetary Fund Chile is the other star in the have proved fruitless so far.

Chaumet Brothers go on trial

America.

fided to them. King Hassan and President Jacques Chaumet, 65, and his brother Pierre, 63, were found to of debts when they filed for bankruptcy in 1987. If convicted, they

face up to five years in jail.

The Brothers are accused of using the 200-year-old family business as an illegal bank, giving high rates of return on the value of jewels deposited in their

have incurred some \$350 million

The indictment also charges that they presented fraudulent balance sheets to International banks to secure loans, and secretly sold off customers' iewels con-

Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire were among the Chaumets' clients. judicial sources said. But neither bead of the state figured in the list of more than 100 companies and individuals seeking compensation in the case, the sources said.

The Chaumet business, based in Paris's elegant Place Ven-dome, first encountered difficulties in the early 1980s when fluctations on the world diamond and foreign exchange markets created severe cash flow prob-

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

TOKYO - Stocks surged after the Bank of Japan cut bank

reserve ratios. The Nikkei average closed up 460.57 points or 1.93 per cent at 24,377.01, above 24,000 for the first time since Aug. 2.

SYDNEY — A shrinking current account deficit injected fresh life into the market. The All Ordinaries Index leapt 1.5 pct to close

HONG KONG — Heavy late afternoon buying of blue chips sent the Hang Seng Index 67.18 points higher to 4,023.87 at the close.

SINGAPORE — Profit-taking and stop-loss selling erased most early gains. The Straits Times Industrial Index rose 1.02 to 1,361.65.

BOMBAY - Prices declined after rumours the government might

postpone plans to deregulate steel prices. The BSE Index closed 12.59 points or 0.67 pct up at 1,872.69.

PRANKFURT - Shares ended mixed in dull, lacklustre trading.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended slightly firmer but higher Swiss

interest rates checked potential gains. The All-Share Swiss Performance Index closed 3.7 points up at 1,082.5.

The Dax Index rose 2.59 points to close at 1,609.62.

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(Arabic)

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Yugoslav army warns Croatia of impending retaliatory attacks

Yugoslav army Tuesday threatened Croatia with retaliation for attacks on military barracks and prepared for a major offensive in the eastern part of the republic.

Armoured vehicles and trucks loaded with soldiers and weapons left Belgarade early Tuesday. Croatia said it repelled an attack on the eastern stronghold of Vukovar overnight, and that shelling resumed about 9 a.m. (0800 GMT).

"For each garrison or other army facility attacked and taken, we will destroy a vital facility of the town concerned," the army mand said in a statement released through the Yugoslav News Agency Tanjug.

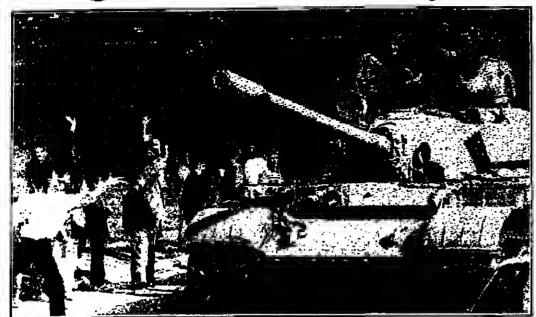
"In a military response to taking several barracks and other military facilities since the latest ceasefire agreement, we will launch offensive actions in a part of the Republic of Croatia," it

.The federal military accused Croatia of ignoring a truce agreement reached nine days earlier. It did not say where it would attack, but warned civilians to

clear out the areas of conflict. In Belgrade, the capital of both Yugoslavia and Croatia's rival Republic of Serbia, Associated Press phntographer Dusan Vra-nic reported seeing scores of armoured personnel carriers and trucks loaded with infantry and howitzers leaving the city early Tuesday.

Another column, with tanks and armoured personnel carriers, left the city about 24 hours earlier, heading west toward the Croatian border.

Some of the federal armoured reinforcements took up positions inside Serbia border with Croatia Monday, while other units crossed into the hreakaway republic, · A Croatian Defence Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Monday that Vukovar was under attack and



A Yagoslav federal army tank crew being greeted as it passes through Belgrade to Croatia

that about 200 army vehicles were carrying in reinforcements.

Croatian Defence officials said three hrigades totalling 4,000-5.000 federal troops were repel-

led late Monday afternoon. But Radin Belgrade said Yugoslav armoured and motorised units, backed by the air force, were advancing in what it called "as battle for the liberation," of Vukovar

The city occupies a strategic point on the Danube River border with Serbia. Capturing it would allow ethnic Serb insurgents, aided by the army, to control a large enclave in Slavonia, a reginn of eastern Croatia that has been the scene of much of the fighting since Croatia de-clared independence June 25.

There were signs of disunity even as the military pushed into Croatia. Zagreh Radin said late Monday that the federal navy had dismissed the commander and his deputy in the Boka Naval Sector. on the Adriatic, Both men were

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

LOME (R) — Soldiers loyal to Togo's military President Gnassingbe Eyadema seized control of state radio Tuesday and

said they had dissolved a civilian transitional government. The

soldiers said they rejected reforms made by an August pro-

democracy conference, which stripped President Eyadema of

most of his powers, and did not recognise the High Council of the

Republic, an interim cabinet set up to guide Togo tn multi-party

conference. The radio played martial music and songs praising

President Eyadema. Crowds poured onto the streets in the seaside capital Lome as news of the coup spread, and military

couvey wed in come. There were no further details.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — India's U.N. ambassador, Chinmaya Rajaninath Gharekhan, Tuesday took over the presidency of the

Security Council for the month of October. The presidency

rotates monthly among the council's 10 non-permanent members

and five permanent members according to the English alphabet.

Mr. Gharekhan, who succeeds Jean-Bernard Merimee of France,

refrained from taking over the post precisely at midnight when

members were deliberating on whether to have a meeting on Haiti.

SEOUL (Agencies) - South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo

ordered his government Tuesday to seek world, diplomatic support to force North Korea to submit its nuclear programme to

international inspection. "The most important goal for us now is

to make sure that North Korea accepts nuclear inspection of its

facilities," Mr. Roh told his ministers, state radio said. "To

Mr. Merimee remained in his post to finish the sessinn.

Seoul seeks support against North

India takes over U.N. presidency

d of Koknu Koffignh, the

Army retakes power in Togo

On Monday, Western Euromeeting in Brussels postponed a decision on sending a multinational force to quell the fighting in Croatia that has killed more than 600 people in the past three

Slovenia and Croatia declared independence Jnne 25, hnt agreed in July to delay actual independence until Oct. 7. nian radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp. in London, said Monday the republic would take part in a peace conference in the Netherlands but would hasten moves toward

There were reports of heavy fighting Monday night around Vinkovci and Osijek, in Slavonia, and near Pakrac, Novska and Glina, all south of Zagreb.

Tanjug also reported clashes near Croatia's border with Montenegro, the small southern republic allied with Serbia.

Earlier, Yugoslav Federal Premier Ante Markovic appealed to the hardline president of Serbia,

peneral mobilisation of his repubic's men of military age and svert all-out civil war. Mr. Markovic, a Croat who despite his position retains little authority, said such a move would promote civil war and "the aggression of one state on another.

Croats have accused Serbian leaders of instigating the fighting in Croatia in an attempt to expand Serbia's territory. Ethnic Serbs, who make up 12 per cent of Croatia's 4.5 million people. say they rebelled to keep their areas from being part of an independent Croatia

The federal army intensified its role in the fighting after Croatian militiamen surrounded federal military bases in the republic in mid-September. The Croats, however, put up stiff resistance. Army morale is falling, as hundreds of soldiers desert and reservists refuse to go to the front.

Croatian forces have captured a number of army bases, seizing badly needed weapons.

Gorbachev to quit over PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) phere's poorest country.

MOSCOW (R) — President Mikhail Gorbachev has added urgency to his bid to keep the Soviet Union together by threatening again to resign if his ideas

are rejected. As leaders of a dozen Soviet republics gathered in the Kazakhstan capital Alma-Ata Monday to discuss a new economic framework for the crumhling union, he spoke to journalists in

threatens.

union treaty

Gorbachev nailed his colours to the proposed democratic and decentralised union of sovereign states, saying the signing of its founding treaty had to start as soon as possible.

"If I see that my convictions, my point of view and my position are not accepted, I will resign my post at once," he said, looking strained under the televisinn

nts.
"Without integration the country faces break-up, and that is a fatal path. I will not be a part of such an approach."

Mr. Gorbachev, who was speaking informally after a meeting with Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, earlier announced another dramatie break with the Soviet past -- the separation of foreign intelligence-gathering from the KGB security

He appointed a close aide, Yevgeny Primakov, to head the

new espionage agency.

Mr. Gorbachev threatened to quit over the union treaty issue earlier in September. The threat is somewhat hollow because if the union broke up completely, his post as Soviet president would vanish anyway. But it gave added force to his pleading.

Mr. Gorbachev said he and Russian leader Boris Yeltsin would put forward joint proposals on the union treaty soon. The first republics could begin signing a treaty in principle in October and others follow suit later, he

The prospects were clouded further when the Ukraine, the second most powerful republic, indicated it was not even ready to sign the less ambitious economic agreement to be debated in Alma-Ata by around 12 republics

Grigory Yavlinsky, author of the Kazakhstan, Soviet news agency (TASS) said. The Kremlin hopes to persuade at least the main republics to sign within days.

But the Ukraine's top man in the Soviet interim government said agreements on each aspect of economie relations would have to be thrashed out before any overall agreement was signed.

The Ukraine is in no hurry to sign the treaty before concrete agreements on each problem are reached," Vladimir Fedorov told Reuters in Moscow.

The dangers of an uncontrolled break-np of the world's biggest country were underlined yet again in ethnic and political conflicts in half a dozen republics.

In Georgia, a month-long armed confrontation seemed to be heading for a climax Monday, evening when tens of thousands of supporters of President Zviad Gamsakhurdia gathered outside the television centre, main stron-

government and opposition deadlocked. "No-one has any idea how this will end, it's a total dead-end." a local journalist said. The Communist-dominated.

tral Asia, met one opposition demand in the political crisis there by lifting a six-day old state of emergency, TASS said.

Army seizes power in Haiti; Aristide in exile

- President Jean-Bertrand Aristide flew into exile Tuesday after phal visit to the United Nations. the army ousted him and the first democratically elected govern- ed outrage at the coup, with the

The acting army commander, Brig: Gen. Raonl Cedras, announced Monday night that the to power. military had taken control after a day of violence in which at least 26 people were killed and 200 station Sunday might. Rebel ele-wounded. ments fired on Mr. Aristide's

dominated Haitian politics, ac- on his entourage as it later cused Mr. Aristide of interfering beaded to the national palace. in its affairs. Indeed, Mr. Aristide had retired the army's high com-mand and was rumoured to be training an elite for his protec-

Gen. Cedras urged calm and spoke of creating a "serene cli-

over the ouster of Mr. Aristide, arrested. 38, a tremendously popular Roman Catholic priest who had championed the cause of the poor negotiated with the coup plotters against dictator Jean-Claude to save the president's life. U.S. Duvalier and a succession of Ambassador Alvin Adams

capital of 1 million, but few ventured outdoors after midnight. Aristide's safe release. During Mr. Aristide's nearly

di said corruption was over after

26 years of iron rule by President

Mobutu Sese Seko, but warned of

impending famine and appealed

for foreign help.
Mr. Tshisekedi's bold start

Monday as premier of a "consen-

sus government" could not con-

ceal the political minefield ahead

as be started work in uneasy

The two men, once as close as

1980, were only persuaded to people died.

brothers but bitter enemies since

tandem with Mr. Mobutu.

New Zaire premier says

corruption over, famine near

KINSHASA (R) — Zaire's new shake hands by the persistence of Prime Minister Etienne Tshiseke- foreign news photographers.

Last week, he made a trium-

Western governments expressment in Haiti's nearly two centur-ies as a nation.

U.S. embassy denouncintg it as "an outrageous attack." The Organisation of American States demanded Mr. Aristide's return

The takeover began with mutimes at an army base and a police The military, which has long private residence at daybreak and

The soldiers later seized the palace, captured Mr. Aristide and took him to army headquarters, said his foreign minister, Jean-Robert Sabalat

A prominent Haitain politician, who spoke on condition he mate favourable to the next elec- not be identified by name, said Prime Minister Rene Preval and But many Haitians feared an Information Minister-Laurence explosion of violence in portest Jocelyn Lassegue also were

Diplomatic sources said Venezuelan, France and U.S. officials military-dominated governments. accompanied Mr. Aristide to the Sporadie gunfire rang out early airport, although it was not Tuesday in Port-Au-Prince, the known what role the Bush administration had in securing Mr.

Mr. Aristide left for France via eight months in office, he forged Caracas at 0715 GMT aboard the a good relationship with the Un- private eight-passenger Lear Jet ited States and set about improsent by Venezuelan President ving the lot of the 6 million Carlos Andres Perez, airport and people in the Western hemis-diplomatic sources said.

The president, who has run the

vast central African country as a

personal fief since 1965, was

forced by intense Western and

domestic pressure to share power

with a man he once put away in a

of state, backed by an immense

personal fortune and broad army

loyalty, a week after soldiers

angry at not being paid launched

an orgy of looting in which 117

Yet Mr. Mobutu remains head

Innatic asylum.

I never touched my daughter,' Barr's

father says

NEW YORK (R) — The parents of U.S. television comedienne Roseanne Barr Arnold have denied her accusations that they had abused her as a child. They said through their attorney that they were considering suing People magazine for detailing the charges. "I never had any incestual relationships with her and we don't understand (the accusations)," the comedienne's father, Jerry Barr, said in an interview on the CBS Television network. Ms. Barr, who prefers to be called hy her married name Arnold, told a meeting attended by sexual ahuse victims in Denver this month that her father would tell her to fondle his genitals while he took a bath, "telling me sit on his lap, to cuddle with him." Mr. Barr, 38, also said her mother psychologically and physically abused her when she was a small child. Her television series, Roseanne, a comedy about a nlue-collar family, is among the most popular in the United States. Barr's mother, Hellen Barr, said on the CBS programme that "any allegations that say I molested her sexually, incestuously, I deny 100 per cent."Hellen Barr said her daughter had . not spoken to her in over a year and added: "I would truly like to see her heal, not talk about it, but truly reach out in love and heal within a family."

irate wife does something nasty

LONDON (R) — A woman rip-ped off one of her husband's testicles with her fingernails during a hlazing row, a British court beard. Dorreth currithers, 40, was angry with her husband Las-celles after he got home late one night in January and locked him out of their bedroom. The pyjama-clad husband had forced the bedroom door half-open when his irate wife grabbed him in the groin. He looked down to see his wife holding a blood-covered testicle, prosecuting lawyer Lisa Matthews told a London court. "As his wife dropped the testicle on the floor he fell backwards on the landing and passed out," she said. Currithers admits causing grievous bodily harm to her husband but says she did not intend to hurt him so badly. The couple, who have lived together for 20 still share the same house but are getting a divorce. Judge George Shindler remanded her on bail for

Panty salesmen are singing in the rain

ports on the case.

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TOKYO (R) — Typhoon rains which lashed Japan in September brought misery to millions — but boosted profits for underwear salesmen. Chain store officials reported soariong sales as people bought new underpants rather than wait for wet ones to dry.
"Thanks to the rain, we sold more underwear - people have to leave their laundry hanging outside longer," a spokeswoman for Seiyu said. Seiyu sold 20 per cent more women's panties between Sept. 10 and 18 than in the same period in 1990, she said. We usually don't sell much underwear in September, the peak is in the summer and winter." Seiyu's sales of men's underwear in the same period rose by 10 per cent. Another chain store, Jusco, reported sales of women's underwear rose 13 per cent in the first two weeks of September from a year ago, due partly to the rain. A third, Ito-Ynkado, said it sold five per cent more men's underwear in September due to the rain and colder temperatures. Tokyo experionced twice its average rain-

N. Zealand cannabls smokers to get on-the-spot fines

fall in September.

WELLINGTON ((R) — New Zealand Justice Minister Doug Graham said he would propose downgrading penalties for smok-ing cannabis to match certain traffic offences, Mr. Graham told Radio New Zealand cannabis smoking was now a relatively minor offence and police investigations and court cases over the drug's use were expensive and annecessary. At present users are fined after a court case. "I do not support the de-criminalisation of cannabis... my suggestion was that the police could in effect issue an infringement notice the way they do with some traffic offences," he added. Cannabis users — widespread in New Zealand - would have the choice of paying a fine or contesting police dence that he would make a good make him oppose Mr. Thomas, evidence, Mr. Graham said.

EC ministers scrap Dutch blueprint for political union

diplomatic blow, rejecting a new Dutch blueprint for EC political union with only 10 weeks left to hammer out a deal.

At a stormy session in Brussels Monday, EC foreign ministers agreed that the proposal by the Netherlands — which holds the spare the Dutch as much political embarrassment as possible. EC's rotating presidency should be shelved and negotia- The main points of disagreetions should resume on the basis ment as the bloc tries to rewrite of an earlier paper by the pre- its founding treaty are how to vious incumbent, Luxembourg. forge a more formal common A German diplomat quoted an foreign and security policy.

BRUSSELS (R) - European official close to Dutch Foreign Community (EC) states have Minister Hans Van Den Brock as dealt the Netherlands a crushing saying during the meeting: "We are being slanghtered."

Diplomats said they could remember few previous defeats nn such a humiliating scale for an EC presidency, but the other 11 EC

Italian Air Force 'has nothing to fear over crash'

They say there was no foreign role. And the United States, which has denied any involvement, has given the Italians a detailed hreakdown showing where all U.S. air and naval units in the Mediterranean were that

But leading Italian newspapers, including the best-selling dailies Corriere Della Sea and Republica, insist there was huge U.S. air activity in the area.

The wreck of the airliner, large

The officers said they had decided to break the air force's long

this year, is now being recon-

A recent film on the so-called ROME (R) - Italy's air force, Ustica disaster, based on the indignant over press charges it theory that the plane was shot mounted a cover-up over the down by a NATO missile, has 1980 crash of an airliner in which particularly upset the top brass. 81 people died, insists it has nothing to fear from a new in-

quiry.
"The key question is how could we hide the facts about who was responsible for the death of \$1 Italians... such a cover-up would require the complicity of hundreds of men. It's impossible," a high-ranking officer, speaking on behalf of the Air Force High Command, told Reuters

"It's like accusing us of stealing silver from the mess," be said. The media have accused the parts of which were only salvaged the air force of covering up the possible involvement of Italy's NATO allies in accidentally shooting down the DC-9 of the now-defunct airline Itavia which silence over the Ustica mystery crashed into the sea near Sicily on because the military were being a domestic flight on June 27,

ghold of rehel National Guardsmen. But they withdraw peacefully. Earlier talks broke down with the

parliament in Tajikistan, in cen-

Romanian premier's power Interim Prime Minister Ivan Silayev and radical economist boosted after 'coup plot' agreement, were also flying tn BUCHAREST (R) — Petre Ro- secret police, the Securitate, as

man has reclaimed the title of well as Communists who Romanian prime minister after resurfaced in new guises. riots that forced his resignation "All the money came from last week were described in par-Moscow," he said, alleging the liament as a Moscow-style coup plotters were financed by the same people who tried unsuccess-

fully to topple Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in August. Widening the breach with his erstwhile patron President Ion lliescu, Mr. Roman disavowed As in Moscow, once-privileged forces, alarmed that liberalisation his resignation and said voters in the May 1990 elections had given had gone too far, were fighting back with all the subversive techhis National Salvation Front (NSF) party sole right to govern and nothing had altered that. themselves at the top of a res-

At the same time, the 45-yearnld technorcrat and force behind Romania's drive to a market economy was pushing for early elections, apparently confident he could win. The arrest of alleged coup lead-

ers could well be the next chapter in the 21-month political drama that has followed Romania's bloody revolt and summar execution of Communist dictator Nico-"I have information which

clearly shows the existence of an organised subversive activity aimed at the removal of the present democratic regime," Senator Gelu Voican Voiculescu told parhament. "The aim... was to stop the

beginning of democratic life organised on a parliamentary basis as well as to compromise the new regime in the West."
Sen. Voiculescu named the

plotters — senior men in Mr. Ceausescu's omnipotent former

Bncharest to put down antigovernment unrest. · Sen. Voiculescu aileged miners' leader Miron Cosma had been secretly promised he would

niques at their command to put

tored old order, disguising it as the popular will, Sen. Voiculescu

We charged that Romania's

violent and politically powerful

coalminers were tools in the man-

ocuvre, as they were in the sum-

mer of 1990 when they invaded

become premier, cast in the role of a Romanian Lech Walesa. Mr. Roman made no immediate comment on Sen. Voiculescu's allegations, but he has expressed bitterness at Mr. Riesecu's apparent capitulation to the miners and from the outset he called last week's riots a Com-

sense... under circumstances of violence there can be no resignation," Mr. Roman said Sunday.

"I never resigned in the proper

munist putsch.

deflect criticism that he shies

The 1992 U.S. presidential race is entering a new phase with a marked pickup in the pace of campaigning and the emergence of three standout contenders for analysts said Monday.

An emerging top tier of Demo-cratic contenders includes Sena-

tors Bob Kerrey of Nebraska who entered the race Monday Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, who is and Senator Tom Harkin of lowa, who threw his hat in the campaign odds should they ring on Sept. 15, analysts predict.

der, whose campaigns are seen-

more as longshots by party pro-

are still weighing a possible run for the White House, including former California Governor Jerry Brown, civil rights activist Jesse gressman Dave McCurdy. While Rev. Jackson and Mr.

choose to run - Mr. Brown by virtue of his unconventional politics and Rev. Jackson because of Virginia Governor Douglas Wil- his strong support among blacks in two previous presidential runs.

the potential to harm more promment contenders by drawing some of their support. George Bush remains far and

away the favourite at this point in the campaign, Democratic strategists predict the party's attack on the president will gather strength now with the campaign in full swing.

U.S. nuclear arsenal, announced last week, will strengthen his expected re-election bid, analysts

the boost from that initiative could be short-lived. And they found encouraging

fessionals, the Democratic field Rev. Jackson nor Mr. McCurdy is turn around the flagging U.S. now numbers five, but more seen as a likely nominee, each has economy, and his inability to

The U.S. economy traditional-

in South Dakota the next week.

Depending on the early contests, the fight could be over as early as March 10 - so-called "super Tuesday" — when Democrats from nine states are scheduled to vote on their presidential preferences, analysts predict. Sen. Kerrey says he will oppose

the nomination of Clarence Tho-

port him, but I just can't," Sen. Kerrey said Monday in Omaha, where he attended a rally to mark the start of his campaign.

explain his position in a speech in the Senate late this week or early next week. The Senate Judiciary Commit-

vote to recommending Mr. Thomas' confirmation. A vote is pending in the full Senate. Another Democratic candi-

already has said he will oppose Mr. Thomas.

mas to the U.S. Supreme Court. opposes Mr. Thomas. Gov. Wil-"I just don't have the confi- der says he's seen nothing to

achieve this goal, we must concentrate nur efforts from all angles on winning diplomatic support in cooperation with foreign countries including the United States." Mr. Roh met the cabinet a day after he returned from a North American tour during which he addressed the U.N. General Assembly on the occasion of North and South Koreas' formal entry into the United Nations. U.S. soldiers withdrew Tuesday from a strategic border with North Korea, handing over their camps and patrol mission to South Korean troops for the first time in 38 years. A brief ceremony marked the U.S. departure from the sensitive area just south of the truce village of Panmunjom, inside the demilitarised zone that separates the rival Koreas, South Korean officials said. The withdrawal was symbolic of a U.S. military shift from

leadership in a supporting role in guarding the 248-kilometre

C' ina celebrates National Day

'NG (R) - China celebrated Tuesday the 42nd anniversary mmunist rule, its state-run media trumpeting National Day o the people to rally behind the Socialist cause. "China's always in the hands of the Chinese people, and their belief cialism is unshakeable," said a front-page editorial in the off ial Communist Party newspaper, the People's Daily. Major new spapers proclaimed socialism as the sole road China must follow in editorials on National Day, anniversary of the late Chairman Mao Tsetung's proclamation in Peking's Tiananmen Square of the founding of the Communist state. "Whether China's socialist cause can stand the stringent tests imposed on it and whether China's Socialist system can display its full superiority depends on whether the nation can achieve satisfactory economic growth," People's Daily said. It was apparently referring to China's isolation after the crumhling of communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

U.K. stands down 'scramble' pilots

LONDON (R) - Britain said that its fighter pilots in Germany will no longer be at five minutes' notice to "scramble" to meet a threat to the West. Since the end of World War II, Royal Air Force fighters in Germany have been nn "quick reaction alert" 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. "Now, the changed security situation in Europe means that this precaution is no longer necessary and will be discontinued from Oct. 2, 1991," a Defence

Top tier of Democrats emerges as presidential race heats up

the Democratic nomination, Jackson and Oklahoma Con-

Counting former Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts and

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — could soon enter the race. At least three other Democrats

McCurdy remain question marks, Mr. Brown is almost certain to declare his candidacy soon. Analysts predict that Rev. to declare his candidacy Thursday Jackson or Mr. Brown, in particular, could dramatically shift

Though neithers Mr. Brown.

While Republican incumbent voters' minds when the time com-

Mr. Bush's plan to reduce the

But Democratic strategists said

two other developments - the president's failure to decisively from dealing with domestic woes in favour of foreign affairs. ly is by far the biggest factor in

es to make up their minds. Analysts see the field of Democratic contenders beginning to narrow in early primary voting in New Hampshire on Feb. 18 and

associate justice. I wanted to sup-Sen. Kerrey declined to specify

his reasons but said he would tee deadlocked 7-7 Friday on a

date, Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa.

Mr. Tsongas has said he